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## Hague launches 'kitchen table' Toryism

IN A striking shift of thinking, William Hague has ordered all members of his Shadow Cabinet to adopt a new political approach known as "kitchen table conservatism".

The essence of the Tory initiuive will be a major change in political and presentational emphasis. The leadership will now focus on core issues known to be of central importance to the electorate and address those subjects in similar-

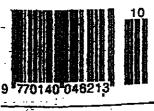
direct language. Shadow Cabinet members have been told that they must stop attempting to defend the last Conservative administration, be more willing to admit that mistakes were made un-der Margaret Thatcher and iohn Major, and then move on to discuss new Conservative

The new strategy has seven "campaigning criteria". These are the use of language that resonates with voters; a willingness to listen; an emphasis on the future not the past; a readiness to concede past failings and to move on; being for hings as well as against them: taining a sense of proportion while criticising the Government; and the importance of absolute integrity.

Mr Hague wants the Tories

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to escape the comparison with their own past and to refocus the contrast on new Labour. Opinion poll evidence indicates that the electorate still sees the current Shadow Cabinet more as representatives of the last Tory regime than an alternative Government

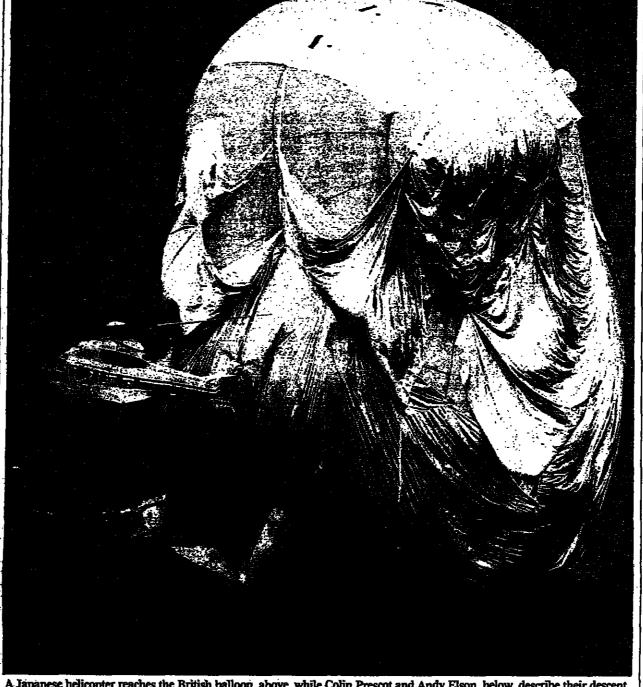
The phrase "kitchen table" is drawn from the political vocabulary of the United States and is the rough equivalent of bread and butter issues. The label reflects the American in-. fluence of many Conservative Central office figures and was perhaps re-inforced by Mr Hague's own visit to the US

The "kitchen table" emphasis also reflects Mr Hague's be-fief that under Margaret Thatcher, and especially John obsessed with economics and abstract economic language of 'markets' in education and the NHS that meant little to ordinary voters, and, in so far as it meant anything, sounded like the dictionary of the bureaucrat and manager.

The shift by the Conservatives is a tacit recognition that under New Labour the old distinctions between "Left" and Right" have become blurred. Mr Blair's emphasis on "what matters is what works" is believed to have had a powerful impact on middle of the road

Mr Hague will, therefore, put a lot more emphasis on devising and promoting practi-cal alternatives to Labour's "early pledges" on class sizes and NHS waiting lists.

This will be seen as a shift to the political centre even though many of the individual programmes that the Tories might propose could be considered radical and "right wing". It also reflects the Tory leader's desire to promote decentralisation of key services - in Continued on Page 2, col 5



A Japanese helicopter reaches the British balloon, above, while Colin Prescot and Andy Elson, below, describe their descent

### Longest balloon trip ends in sea

BY SUSTE STEINER AND ROBERT WHYMANT

THE world's longest balloon journey came to an abrupt end yesterday when the all-British Cable & Wireless balloon team were forced to ditch into the ocean off the coast of Japan.

Last night the remaining round the world challenger the Breitling Orbiter 3 - was continuing on its course over the Middle East, while attempts were under way to retrieve the 200 ft Cable & Wireless balloon from the Pacific.

Pilots Andy Elson, 45, of Wells, Somerset, and Colin Prescot. 48, of Stockbridge. Hampshire, leapt into water from their floating capsule at 4am yesterday. The balloon



had been forced down by driv-ing snow and the team had to be plucked to safety by a Japa-

nese military helicopter. Despite failure in the last great aviation challenge, the pair achieved a new endur-

set at ten days. Mr Prescot and Mr Elson managed 18 days in the air. completing 12,000 miles of the 18,000-mile round trip --- 3,000

ance record for the longest hot

air balloon flight, previously ·

miles short of American Steve Fossett's distance record.

Speaking from an air base in Hamamatsu, Japan, yesterday, Mr Prescot told how he and Mr Elson had navigated down to about 100 ft above water level as a storm whipped up around them.

"Andy did a fantastic job of the landing," said Mr Prescot. We got it down very gently. which was a relief because it could have been nasty."

While Mr Prescot and Mr Elson now face the sad task of sifting through the wreckage of their attempt, one woman expressed her relief.

Mr Elson's mother, Phyllis, said that said she was disappointed for her son but added: "I hope he doesn't try it again."

### Film director Stanley Kubrick dies aged 70

By Carol Midgley, media correspondent

STANLEY KUBRICK, the reclusive and obsessive director behind 2001: A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange, died yesterday at his home in Hertfordshire. He was 70. A doctor was called to Child-

wickbury Manor, a sprawling estate near St Albans, where Mr Kubrick lived with his wife Christiane. Police said they were not treating the death as suspicious.

The director, who exhausted many actors and film-makers with his exacting standards it was not uncommon for him to demand 50 takes from his actors, had been working on an erotic thriller, Eyes Wide Shut, starring Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise, at London's Pinewood studios. The film is due to be released in July.

A spokesman for the family said: "Stanley Kubrick died in the early hours of the morning. There will be no further comment at this time." Last night Ms Kidman and Mr Cruise released a statement, which said: "He was like family to us and we are it shock and devastated." Mr Kubrick, who shunned

the glamourous life of Hollywood and rarely left his home. was regarded as a phenomenon in modern cinema; in 31 years he produced ten feature and 14 nominations. His films included Lolita, Dr Strange love, Spartacus and Full Metal Jacket

His death could raise the question of whether A Clockwork Orange, the screen adapatation of Anthony Burgess's

bleak and violent novel, is released in Britain again. In 1973 Mr Kubrick withdrew the film from circulation in Britain after it provoked copycat attacks. However, this may now be reviewed. Mr Kubrick first estab-

lished himself as one of America's top directors in 1957 with Paths of Glory, a film about the French Army during the First World War. Barry Norman, the film crit-

ic, said last night: "This has come as a real shock, especially because Mr Kubrick has only just finished his new film. There was no suggestion that there was anything awry. He was an extraordinary filmmaker. He was incredibly meticulous in all his films, which took him an average of two to three years to make." He added: "I knew him a lit-

Britain - even Full Metal Jacket, set in Vietnam, was filmed in this country. He was a great Anglophile and lived here since the 1960s." Michael Winner, the director, said Mr Kubrick was a recluse because he "believed the

tle. He was a very reclusive

man and refused to fly. That's

why his films were made in

world outside was really like in A Clockwork Orange. He saw no reason to leave the house." Mr Winner said he had known Mr Kubrick for 30 years and had never known him to suffer ill health. Sadly, he had been about to

invite Mr Kubrick to receive this year's lifetime achievement award from the Director's Guild of Great Britain. The loss to the world of cine-



Kubrick: won eight Oscars from ten feature films

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ma is incalculable." Mr Winner said. "He will be remembered as one of the greatest geniuses since evolved."

Mark Batey, spokesman for the British Film Institute, said: This is a huge loss to the filmmaking community. He was one of the landmark directors of the century who helped to define cinema."

Despite his quality, there are actors who loathe him. John Baxter, his biographer. said of Mr Kubrick: "Actors are drawn to him because of his undoubted skills and mystique, but they only work for him once."

Kirk Douglas who worked with him on Spartacus called him a "cold bastard". Harvey Keitel walked out of production on Eves Wide Shut, citing "artistic differences".

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#### United mourn

MANCHESTER United football club were in mourning yesterday for Dennis Viollet, their former captain and most prolific championship goal scorer, who died at his home in Florida of a brain tumour,

A survivor of the Munich air disaster in February 1958, Viollet set Manchester United's championship goal-scoring record, with 32 goals in the 1959-60 season. Violict was capped three times for England. In 291

games he scored 178 goals for United, before being transferred in 1961 to Stoke where he made another 182 appearances, scoring 59 times.

Subsequently, he played in the United States for the Baltimore Bays, then returned to Britain to play in Northern Ireland for Linfield. He acted as coach to Preston and Crewe before finishing his career with the Washington

#### Southgate gets £800,000 pay-off

Sir Colin Southgate, chair-man of the Royal Opera House, is to receive £800,000 from EML the music publishing and recording group, for standing down as their chairman with a year of his contract to run\_ ...Page 48

#### Newcastle win

Newcastle won through to the FA Cup semi-finals beating Everton 4-1. The holders, Arsenal, will meet Chelsea or Manchester United.....Pages 25, 29

#### Heroic bobby in New York shoot-out FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

bandits in central Manhattan. Howard Groves, 41, a deputy inspector in the Metropolitan Police, intervened when he and his girlfriend, Rachel Double, left their hotel on Satur-

day morning. The couple saw the two men

### trying to rob a worker opening a shop. They pistol-whipped their victim but failed to get

A BRITISH policeman on holiany cash. "I felt I had to do something," Inspector Groves day in America became the hero of a New York crime dratold a local newspaper. "I ma at the weekend when he couldn't just walk away." dodged a bullet to catch two

As the gunmen tried to make their escape, Inspector Groves sent Miss Double back into the hotel for help while he and the hotel clerk followed the two. The robbers spotted the Briton, who is oft 2in, and the clerk on their tail and one of them fired a shot.

"As soon as I saw the flash, I saw the cop down on the floor," the hotel clerk said. "That's when I thought I better get down too."

As police began to arrive, Inspector Groves flagged down a squad car, flashed his Metropolitan Police identification card and joined the search. "It made me think we were

in an American movie," he said. "There was a sea of policemen, and they were all heavily armed."

The police caught up with

tion where one of them fled on to the tracks. But Inspector Groves suddenly found himself confronted by the other and wrestled him to the ground, grabbing a 9mm pis-

tol from the man's belt. Cedric Reid, 36, was arrested and charged with attempted robbery, assault and weapons possession. Inspector Groves confessed

that he was a bit shocked by the sudden call to duty. "I've never been fired at," he said.

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### IMF praises Brown's 'skilful' economic dexterity

Budget fillip vesterday when the International Monetary Fund praised his "skilful management" of the economy and predicted that Britain would emerge virtually unscathed from a "short-lived" downturn.

The IMF, the world's economic watchdog, said the Chancellor's policy of setting clear public targets for the economy had helped the UK keep a lid on inflation while sustaining growth. It was an approach which "could offer useful lessons for other advanced and developing

countries", said the Washington-

based body. In its annual health check on the UK economy, the IMF predicted that growth in 1999 would dip to 0.8 per cent, slightly below Mr Brown's one per cent target, with unemployment rising to five per cent from 4.7

per cent. But IMF officials expect inflation

They also see a clear case for the Bank of England resuming its recent run of interest rate cuts from the current 5.5 per cent, "to avoid an excessive weakening of economic ac-

Although the IMF concedes that momentum will slow this year, its report states: "The soundness of past policies has left fiscal and especially monetary policies well placed to deal promptly and decisively with

ed to use the IMF report as evidence that an imminent soft landing will allow him to launch a "new economic platform" for the UK.

Roland Watson and Graham Searjeant on the annual health check of the economy

În a package bilied as a Budget for "jobs, enterprise and the family", the Chancellor is expected to unveil a range of tax cuts for both the unem-ployed and low paid, as well as for wealthy entrepreneurs, especially in the high-tech sector.

Mr Brown is expected to grab headlines by setting a date for the introduction of his much-trailed 10p starting rate of tax, designed to help the low-paid. He also has in his sights the phased abolition of mortgage tax relief, Miras, and the taxing of child benefit for higher earn-

Mr Brown was still finalising the details yesterday, but the Budget's "green" measures were believed to

include a cut in road tax of up to £50 for small, fuel-efficient cars and apaving of the way for a carbon tax

on industry.

The Chancellor can afford to offer concessions to favoured groups while still appearing responsible because his revenue has been unexpectedly buoyant and because he is already committed to heavy real increases in duty on petrol and tobac-co over and above adjustments for

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### to hit the Chancellor's 2.5 per cent target, down from 26 per cent. Ministers plan to shake up

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

divorce laws

MINISTERS are to go ahead with plans to introduce compulsary "information meetings" for people intending divorce after research found that the controversial sessions could save thousands of mar-

The Lord Chancellor is expected to announce within weeks a date next year for implementing the main elements of the Family Law Act 1996, which will scrap the "quickie" divorce and bring in a one-year "cooling off" period. There has been widespread

debate over the feasibility of the compulsory meetings. which will offer couples marriage guidance as well as advice on how to proceed with a divorce. But three substantial sets of research findings show that they can help save mar-

The findings, drawn from 14 pilot projects conducted over over the past two years, show that nearly one in five people take up the offer of a meeting a marriage counsellor, which is free to those who qualify under a means test. Sixty per cent of those decided to go ahead with counselling, half of them with their partners.

The research adds credibility to the main aim of the legislation as promoted by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the previous Lord Chancellor, which is to "save saveable marriag-

The pilot projects also found that, despite initial sceptism about the benefit of the meetings, more than 90 per cent of people said that they were useful. One researcher said: "We have enough evidence to say that these individual meetings can work, people do appreciate them. So the Government could go ahead and after that decide on whether fine-tuning is needed."

Under the Family Law Act, couples will have to attend an information meeting at least three months before they start divorce proceedings.

Officials have been studying whether they could amend the Act to allow for group meetings, or to tailor the meetings to those who wanted solely counselling or information. but ministers are believed to have decided that they do not want to delay the implementation of the act any further.

One Government official said: "If we start to introduce more and more changes . . . by the time it would take to do this, there is an argument that it is probably not worth do-

The pilot projects have been run by organizations such as Relate or by family mediation

and marriage guidance groups. Their findings are beng analysed by Professor Jan Walker at Newcastle University's Centre for Family Studies, and will be published this summer. Another study is investi-gating the cost of providing the information meetings, but

no figures are available so far. The research has also gone to the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Board on Family Law under Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, which has been set up to oversee implementation of the

The implementation of the Family Law Act amounts to the biggest shake-up of divorce law in decades. A main aim is to encourage couples to settle disputes over children and finances amicably and outside the courts.

Divorce disputes last year cost taxpapers E61 million in legal aid, and the Act will encourage greater use of media-tion, which will be free for couples who qualify for legal aid. The Act will also scrap the present "fault"-based divorce laws and bring in a 12-month "cooling off" period for couples - 18 months for those with children.

In general divorces will not be granted until arrangements about children and finances have been settled.



Ready for a tour of Britain: Monica Lewinsky arriving at Heathrow Airport yesterday

### Lewinsky fails to win friends

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

AS Monica Lewinksy embarks on a British charm offensive today, she can only hope she has more success rehabilitating her image in Essex and Sheffield than she has managed at home.

The former White House trainee flew into London last night ready to begin a lengthy book-signing tour with an appearance at Harrods. In America, opinion polls showed that viewers were unim-pressed by the story she told in her televsion interview with Barbara Walters, in-tended as the chief gamble in a campaign

to win sympathy and understanding. But a poll published in Time today shows that 72 per cent of those interviewed have an unfavourable impression of her, a negligible drop from the 78 per cent who had such a view of her back in September when the Starr Report was published. Only 15 per cent think well of her and 74 per cent think she is enjoying the attention of her media blitz. A Newsweek poll showed that her image had improved with 8 per cent of Americans.

Whether or not she is liked in Britain, she will be hard to avoid. Her 18-day tour will take her to 19 bookshops from Bristol to Edinburgh including the Lakeside shop-

**Doctors**'

mistakes

cost £67m

By Ian Murray Medical

CORRESPONDENT

ping centre at Thurrock. Essex, to promote Andrew Morton's Monica's Story. The first excerpts were published yester-

day of a book by George Stephanopoulos. Mr Clinton's former aide, about his time in the White House. "If I knew everything then that I know now, I wouldn't have worked for him," he said in an interview. "He has accomplished more than I ever thought humanly possible. But he lost the battle with himself, tarnished his presi-dency and all of us associated with it." ☐ Hillary Clinton will not accompany the President on a goodwill tour of Central America this week because of a recurring back injury.

# Goodwill aid to

clean up armies of Third World

DAMAGES totalling £67 mil-OVERSEAS aid is to be used lion were paid to patients last year for mistakes or neglifor the first time to back miligence by doctors insured tary reforms in Third World countries. Clare Short, the Inthrough the Medical Defence Union, which represents about half of the 130,000 registernational Development Secretary, is to announce details tomorrow of her plan to help tered practitioners in Britain. to eliminate brutal, corrupt In a review published to-day, the MDU says doctors and ill-trained torces that

blight the lives of millions. Britain's £2.4 billion aid are practising in an increasingly litigious environment and that claims against them budget will not be used for equipping the armies with milhave been rising at 15 per cent itary hardware, training of sol-"We see no evidence of a diers or military planning. The aim is to introduce hufall in clinical standards," the man-rights training and to imreport says. "Instead we see prove the accountability of common themes arising out of claims. These are related to armed forces to a country's civilian authority. failures in procedures and sys-

The Government believes tems such as poor clinical that bloated and repressive se-curity forces are blocking the records, training and supervi-sion issues and failures in usdevelopment of the world's ing, checking and maintaining poorest countries. Without ac-tion, ministers believe that equipment and procedures." The report focuses on the £5.5 million paid out for surgi-cal errors, including a case in British cash aid for a new road or a bridge could be wasted. Miss Short will tell the Instiforces face stricter controls, they will become the "seedbeds" for the next round of

Her department is engaged in detailed work with the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office to bring greater stability to Sierra Leone, helping to draft a new constitution and working out the proper relationships between its defence ministry and the new army.

The new policy front coincides with greater efforts by the Government to prevent the involvement of children in war, to reduce the proliferation of small arms and light weaponry and to build up peace-keeping support in all the developing countries. Last night Paul Eavis, direc-

tor of the aid think-tank Safer World, welcomed the new poli-cy. However, he called for a curb on arms sales: "We can't be arguing for restraint on military spending on the one hand and promote arms sales

#### NEWS IN BRIEF Nott leads Hague's euro fight

Sir John Nott, the Defence Secretary during the Falklands war, has been recruited by William Hague to marshal the case for rejecting the euro. Sir John will chair the Conservatives' commission charged with presenting the positive case for the UK to remain outside the single currency. Mr
Hague will formally introduce Sir John when at the
launch today of the commission which will be asked to examine the potential constitutional and economic opportu-

nities open to the country outside the euro zone. The move reflects caution in Tory high command that the party's case against the euro will be weakened if it relies solely on negative arguments.

#### Heads cautious

on A-level reform

Schools should refuse to implement A-level reforms until universities show that they will award degree places on the basis of the new curriculum, head teachers are to be told. Proposals are being finalised for students to take five subjects in their first year in the sixth-form, but the Secondary Heads Association says schools cannot afford to offer five per pupil, and it queries whether the new system will be of sufficient depth.

#### Air hostess takes legal action

An air hostess who was slashed with a vodka bottle by a passenger is taking legal ac-tion against her former employer. Fauna Weir has joined a rival airline since the attack on an Airtours charter last October, after she asked a man to stop smoking. The case is believed to centre on Miss Weir's sick leave and her employment with the airline after the incident. Airtours declined to comment on the le-

#### Soldiers held over Nazi link

Two soldiers, one from The Parachute Regiment, who are suspected of links to the violent neo-Nazi group Combat 18, were released on bail after being questioned by police across the country as part of a year-long investigation by po-lice. Scotland Yard said the searches were carried out un-der a section of the Public Order Act 1986 that covers acts in-tended to cause race hate.

#### Man's best friend visits Ernie Wise



The comedian Ernie Wise, 73 has been reunited with his dog Molly, a ten-year-old Scottie, in England after being discharged from hospital in Florida. Doreen Wise, his wife, said from the couple's home in Maidenhead, Berkshire, that he was on the mend after his return in an air ambulance on Wednesday. Mr Wise underwent a triple heart bypass operation in a Fort Lauderdale hospital in hospital

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sharp contrast to the centralism of the Thatcher-Major era

Mr Hague's aim is to re-verse current opinion polls and focus groups which sug-gest that fewer than one-infive voters believe the Tories have policies to deal with the issues that worry them most. The strategy was outlined in

50-minute presentation by Mr Hague at the last Shadow Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. His colleagues were said to be stunned by the force of his presentation and the blunt manner in which he laid out the new strategy. The Tory leader told them that his kitchen table conservatism" was not an optional approach but a "compulsory purchase". He also announced that from

tion and reward" to and within the Shadow Cabinet would depend exclusively on the effec-tiveness of individuals in meeting the new challenges.Of these the argument that the To-ries should "concede and move on" is the most signifi-

Some Shadow Cabinet members are known to be frustrated that they have not be allowed to float new ideas until the cumbersome machinery for reassessing policy set up by Peter Lilley, the Tory Deputy Leader, has slowly chewed them over.

The move also represents a return to Mr Hague's original emphasis when he first became party leader in June The Abbey National Postal Account.

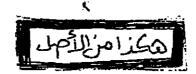
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Big screen milestones: Jack Nicholson slashing his way through The Shining: a scene from the beautiful but impenetrable 2001: A Space Odyssey; and a poster for the subversive A Clockwork Orange, which is still banned in Britain

## Kubrick: a cinematic odyssey

WIDELY acclaimed for his intellectual ambitions and his fierce perfectionism. Stanley Kubrick has occupied a unique niche in the film world. While his films have dealt with the threat of dehumanisation - men unhinged by war, or the toys of science - he himself has become increasingly obsessed with the arthouse techniques that are the hallmarks of his great films, of-ten at the expense of character and

Some argue that the lack of such warmth in his most important films was fatal to his claim as a great artist. But few can argue against the fantastic achievements of his lavishly stylish camera work.

In 1961, Kubrick moved to England in search of greater independence from the studios. But he returned the following year for location work on Lolita, a controversial reworking of Nabokov's novel.

James Christopher celebrates the career of Stanley Kubrick

It raised hackles. What the critics didn't appreciate was the way in which Kubrick was able to sprinkle the bitter cynicism at the heart of the film with a healthy dose of the black humour that had characterised some of his earlier works.

His penchant for the macabre was perhaps most brilliantly realised in Dr Strangelove, in which he treated the possibility of nuclear armageddon as an almighty grim joke. He couldn't have cast a better actor than Péter Sellers as the tightlipped RAF officer, the US presi-dent, and the Nazi-like scientist. The result is scary and nightmar-ish, and far more effective in its portrait of insanity and scream for disarmament than any number of wor-

thy Cold War documentaries.

as excited Kubrick more than cellu-loid personalities, 2001: A Space Odyssey sharply polarised critical opinion. To some, this sci-fi journey into

humanity's future was an overblown, impenetrable conundrum. To others, particularly Kubrick's younger fans, it was the ultimate audio-visual trip — a psychedelic ex-perience in tune with the drug culture. Its breathtaking photography and the Academy Award-winning special effects guaranteed its classic

A Clockwork Orange, cited as the year's best film by the New York Film Critics, is a striking, visually brilliant film that provides a chilling vision of a world dominated by anarchic delinquents. Mal-By this stage it was clear that idecolm McDowell's bad boy reputa-

tion was cemented by his performance as Alex, the leader of the Droogs, a gang who memorably killed a middle-class professor's wife with a giant phallus. It became a cult the moment its British release was mysteriously pulled by Kubrick himself.

Since then, Kubrick has la-boured, somewhat unfairly, under the over-hyped subversive legacy it

Kubrick was a meticulous filmmaker by any standards. In his later films, he took months, sometimes years, to prepare a single film. He took 300 days to shoot Barry Lyndon, another visually magnificent piece of work, but an often slow adaptation of this minor

Thackeray novel.

Equally exasperating for many

Kubrick fans was his adaptation of Stephen King's The Shining.
Here Jack Nicholson slashes his

way through a snow-bound hotel. Many didn't think much of Kubrick's odd excursion into the horror-fantasy genre. But the sheer emptiness of the film, with its surre-al nightmarish angles, was as dis-turbing as the pyschopath himself. With Full Metal Jacket, a dour

adaptation of Gustave Hasford's novel, Kubrick returned to the military arena.

His Vietnam film is a harrowing account of the dehumanising effects of military training.

Few directors have ever divided critical opinion like Stanley Kubrick. His critics called him pretentious, fussy, intractable. But to many others he is a unique artist with a personal vision matched only by his brilliant way with a

Final film that meant everyone had to wait

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

As a stunned Hollywood mourned Stanley Kubrick yesterday, admirers were left wondering if the extraordinary exertions of his final film may have hastened his death.

With few details released about the film-maker's final hours, attention in the city where he was revered as an icon of the post-war era focussed on the marathon production schedule of Eyes Wide Shut, a psychological drama starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman in which Kubrick's perfectionism reportedly found new extremes.

The director worked ceaselessly for 19 months on a closed set near his St Albans home to create the sexually explicit tale of two psychiatrists married to each other but each involved in affairs with their patients. Given unlimited time by Warner Brothers - a sign of respect afforded to no other working director - Kubrick filmed for six times longer than the average studio project requires, exposing a mil-lion feet of celluloid and spending \$65 million (about £40 million), much of which went on accommodating actors in expensive hotels as they waited for scenes to be shot.

Harvey Keitel had to be replaced by Sydney Pollack because after two months of waiting he had to leave to fulfill another commitment. Kidman waited for months at a time, working for barely 12

months of the shoot. Only Kubrick was constantly busy, rehearsing for days for indi-



Kidman: she waited for months in admiration

vidual scenes, according to Alar Cumming, the British actor, and thinking nothing of shooting 60 takes to be sure one would meet his exacting requirements in the editing room. Reports of frayed tempers and expiring patience leaked frequently from the set but Cruise and Kidman have never wavered in their public admiration for his workaholic methods.

The film is to be released in the

America on July 16. Warner Bros announced last year. Its gestation will have been short compared with Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, which took four years to film. But its premiere will be an occasion unique in Hollywood history: an unprecedented merging of hype and mourning at which the star of the occasion will be absent.

### Career that opened the eyes of filmgoers



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1987: Full Metal Jacket Kubrick's Vietnam movie, full of black irony, madness, and racial bigotry in the ranks of the US Marines. With Matthew Modine and Adam Baldwin.



Dr Strangelove: scary and hilacious

### Family burnt beyond recognition

By Peter Gleeson, Stuart Tendler and Annie Flury

POLICE may need up to a week to properly iden-tify the family of seven killed by an arsonist be-

cause of the severity of the blaze.
Yesterday police said that sophisticated techniques, including DNA testing, may have to be used to identify the two women who were killed, a 22-year-old man and three children. Police have now appealed for anyone who was near the three-storey house in the two hours before the fire to come forward. Scotland Yard said that officers were looking at a number of lines of inquiry but refused to comment further.

Detectives from the murder team have also spoken to neighbours of the family in Bellamy Road, Chingford, Essex, and questioned them about any links between members of the family and drugs. One neighbour, who refused to give

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his name, said: "Police have been to the home before. This is a council estate and there are quite a few unsavoury characters about. But for God's sake, if someone's got a problem with someone else, let them sort it out between themselves. There's no need to bring an entire family

Linda Lewis, 25, a next-door neighbour, said she would never forget the screams of the children and the sight of a women at the window of the burning house pleading for help.

She said: "I heard screaming. I thought they were arguing. Then I heard the kids crying. I jumped out of bed and looked out of the window and I saw her screaming to me to help her. Then the screaming and crying had stopped.

You couldn't see them any more." Stunned neighbours and friends visited the ee-rie, charred remains of the family's home to pay their respects to those who had been killed and

more than 100 floral tributes were laid in front of the house. One large bouquet had been left from the firefighters who tackled the fire with a card which read: "Our deepest sympathy from all staff at Chingford Fire Station."

The fire is believed to have been started by someone who poured petrol through the letter-box and police have removed a red plastic petrol container found at the scene for forensic tests.

Four generations, including a boy aged two and twin four-year-old girls, died in the attack, all from smoke inhalation. Only one person, a 52-year-old grandfather, escaped the blaze. He suffered burns to his hands and was released from hospital yesterday.

Special prayers were said for the victims yesterday in local churches. Detective Superintendent James Moore Sutherland said: "This is a horrific attack on innocents. This is the worst I have seen in 31 years in the job."

### Minister to tackle anti-gay behaviour on and off pitch

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

als. Robbie Fowler and Graeme Le

TONY BANKS, the Sports Minister, is to head a concerted drive against homophobia in football that could result in new laws aimed at banishing anti-gay behaviour on and off the pitch.

The initiative could see players automatically sent off for homophobic abuse, in the same way that racist language has for the first time this season become a red-card of-

Mr Banks made clear yesterday that he wanted to use the exchanges between two England internation-

Saux, a week ago to force football clubs and the game's authorities to face up to the issue. "We have a problem and I think we should use this particular incident to have an adult discussion about homophobia in sport," he said.

Although he wanted to see what uggestions the game's governing bodies and players' representatives came up with initially, he said that he did not rule out government legislation at a future date.

"This is the start, we are at the be-

ginning of a process. Let's see whether we can resolve this and see what steps we need to take before we decide if we need to go to the argument of legislation," he told BBCl's Breakfast with Frost.

Mr Banks, talking to The Times, pointed out that Fowler's part in last weekend's incident, which Le Saux, who is married with a baby daughter, complained about, amounted to homophobic incite-ment and have constituted a breach of the peace had it happened outside a football ground.

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## Teachers demand Woollead inquiry

John O'Leary on reports that the Chief Inspector had an affair with a pupil

LEADERS of teachers' unions called for an inquiry yesterday. into allegations that Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, had an affair with a pupil in his days as a teacher. The move comes after claims from his former wife that he lied about the relationship to save his job.

Mr Woodhead issued a publie denial last month that be and Amanda Johnston had daaffair while they were tenener and pupil at Gordano School. near Bristol, in the 1970s. Both said that a nine-year relationship began only after Mischolmston had dropped out of Eas-Anglia University.

Yesterday, however, the Chief Inspector's former wife. Cathy, insisted that he had one fessed to her in 1976 that he was having an affair wifet a sixth-former. In a lengthy 27th cle in The Mail on Smale: she claimed that he had men suggested that Ms Jonasies should move into the family home with their 15-month-old

daughter. Mrs Woodhead rejected the suggestion and divorced herhusband the following pear. She said that she had decided to break a 23-year silence on the episode because the Chief Inspector's public statements were "effectively denying the reality of what was for me a pre-

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tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "I cannot see how the Government can avoid holding an inquiry into the accuracy or otherwise of what the Chief Inspector has been saying. I cannot see how he can stay in his post if it is demonstrated that he lied in public."

The call for a government in-quiry was backed by John Dunford, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association. The position of Ofsted, which affects the lives of so many teachers and children,

what Mr Woodhead has said is proved not to be true, this is

Legislation now before Parliament would make teachers liable to imprisonment if they had sex with a pupil. It was that which prompted the origi-nal row last month, when Mr Woodhead told a student at Exeter University that, though inadvisable, such affairs could be "educative and experiential

on both sides".

The Chief Inspector later apologised for the remark and said that it did not reflect his true feelings. He did not ap-prove of such affairs and, challenged on his own relationship with Ms Johnston, insisted that nothing improper had tak-en place while she was a pupil.

Mrs Woodhead said in her article: "At first, I couldn't believe what I was hearing. Then I was simply incensed. Yes, I thought, while you were away being educative and experiential with someone else. I was looking after our baby daugh-ter. He angered me further by repeating his lies about when the affair started, thus effectively denying the reality of what was for me a profoundly pain-

The couple's daughter, Tamsin, 23, has been staying with her father during the furore.



St John Ambulance volunteers help an injured Derby player in the weekend's FA Cup quarter final against Arsenal

### St John hit by volunteer shortage

By Susie Steiner

THE St John Ambulance service is launching a national recruitment drive, saying that its future is in doubt after haemorrhaging volunteers at a rate of about 4,000 a year. The service provides first-aid cover at major events, relying on 57,000 workers to offer their services free.

Philip Gee, director of training and oprations, blamed the crisis on the pressures of modern life. "There are more demands on people's time. People work longer hours. Their leisure time is very

precious and there is so much more they can do with it nowadays."

Referring to a 14 per cent drop in the number of young cadets, Mr Gee said: You wonder how many of them are surfing the Net. "

Events such as Wimbledon, the Grand Prix at Silverstone, the London Mara-thon and Notting Hill Carnival rely on the presence of St John Ambulance staff to satisfy the legal requirement to provide first aid. The charity does not charge a fee but relies on donations.

The service's volunteers treat about

150,000 casualties a year. St John staff also helped in the clear-up after the Omagh bombing and have provided back-up after terrorist attacks in London. Closure would force event organisers to turn to the commercial sector, where one first aider can cost up to £300 per weekend. The cost of replacing the service is estimated at £40 million a year.

This month's recruitment drive hones to bring in 5,000 volunteers through increased publicity and open days. The problem is that people won't miss us until we are not there." Mr Gee said.

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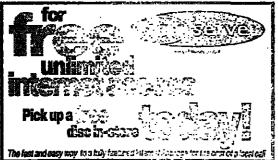


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**NEWS IN BRIEF** Refilling of lighter leads 'not always to death

A man who accidentally set his clothes on fire while refill-ing a cigarette lighter died in hospital on Saturday. Christo-pher Piper, 35. who was with his wife at their home in Fleet. Hampshire, tried to extin-guish the flames but in doing so started three separate fires. A neighbour's car also caught alight after he climbed out of window as neighbours tried to douse the flames. Mrs Piper suffered serious burns to her hands and feet.

Girl's last hours

the last hours of Rebecca Storrs, 18, found battered to death on a river bank in Bridgend, South Wales, on Saturday after going out with friends on Friday night.

McDonald op

The newscaster Sheena Mo-Donald, 44, has had plastic surgery to her face as she continues to improve after being knocked unconscious by a police van nine days ago in Islington, North London.

Policeman loses

Alan Caulfield, who claimed he had been denied promo-tion in the Lothian and Borders Police because he was English, has lost his racial discrimination case. The tribunal findings will be given today.

Baby inquiry

Detectives were questioning a man of 26 after the death of a baby boy at Nuneaton. Warwickshire police said that the death was being treated as suspicious. Police were alented by ambulance staff.

Pop challenge:

Belle and Sebastian, winners of the best newcomer prize in the Brit music awards, may have to give up their title. The producer Pete Waterman is to chart successes ruled them out.

**Planned** pregnancy for best'

By ALEXANDRA FREAN SOCIAL AFFAIRS
CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN who become pregnant without planning to do so are more likely to have a happier life than women whose preg-

nancies are carefully planned. Researchers at Glasgow University have found that women with unplanned pregnancies had far greater chances of cementing relationships with their partner, family and friends, of improving their work and social life, and even

The findings could have far-reaching implications for fami-ly planning organisations and for women facing decisions about contraception and pregnancy. They suggest that there are powerful factors driving some women to get pregnant. even though they may not realise it at the time.

Elizabeth Campbell, of the university's department of psychological medicine, said: "We are not suggesting that women deliberately become pregnant to achieve these secondary gains but it does seem that women with something substantial to gain from pregnancy are those who end up by having 'unplanned' pregnancies."

That suggested that couples having a sexual relationship ought openly to discuss the possibility of pregnancy, even if they were not planning to have a child, so that they would be prepared if it did occur. "It probably means that men will have to take greater responsibility for contracep-tion," she added

The study, published in the March issue of the British Journal of Medical Esychology, was based on interviews with 128 women. Eighty one per cent of women who had unplanned pregnancies were found to be in situations of high or some possible gain from motherhood before they became pregnant. Only 16 per cent of the planned pregnancy group had high secondary

### Chris Evans tries again for tabloid

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS EVANS, the maverick disc jockey whose ambition turned him into a media mogul. has made a new bid for a stake in the Daily Star.

Express Newspapers, which owns the tabloid title, confirmed yesterday that Ginger Media. Mr Evans's company. had made an approach to Lord Hollick, chief executive of United News and Media. the paper's holding company, but that so far no deal had been struck.

Mr Evans, who bought Virgin Radio from Richard Branson in 1997, is said to have of-

dia Group as a straight swap for the Daily Star, which sells about 540,000 copies daily and is famed for its laddish mixture of football, showbusiness and scantily clad women. 7

But Express Newspapers' 6nancial experts are baulking at the proposal, fearing that the cost of running printing presses for the Express titles alone would be too high: -

Mr Evans, whose Ginger Productions makes television prgrammes, is said still to be keen on the idea of expanding. his media empire and mayfered Lord Hollick a 16 per make another bid in the future.

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TV 'sting' puts rare bird in custody row

Park duped into selling macaw fears for species' future, write

Peter Gleeson and Audrey Magee

A RARE Illiger macaw is at the centre of a custody dispute after being bought by a bogus company in a television "sting" that has backfired on-

the programme-makers.

The parrot, named Pimpernel, was sold by one of Britain's leading wildlife parks after it was led to believe the bird would go to Ireland to be bred with a mate of the same

The programme was organised by Carlton Television. which believed that Pimpernel was heading for a leading par-rot sanctuary in Ireland. Instead, the bird is now being kept in a house in Dublin by a former circus worker who was hired by the programme-

Pimpernel is with a mate but its partner is a female Hahn's macaw, a different species, which has angered conservationists. Despite a ruling by the Broadcasting Standards Commission that Paradise Park in Cornwall was unfairly duped into selling Pirnpernel, the park has been unable to get the bird back.

The parrot tug-of-love follows a Carlton documentary in October 1997 on the way zoos dispose of surplus ani-mals. 20-20 Television, the programme-makers, paid Ray Cimino, a self-styled Dublin animal rights activist, to pose as a dealer for a company called Wildlife Direct. Most zoos refused to deal with him but Paradise Park was one of two organisations which sent a list of available animals.

Cimino, described in the programme as a "leading Irish an-imal consultant", paid £400 for the bird, a native of northeast Brazil and Argentina, in a secretly filmed deal. Paradise



danger of extinction

Park has built up a reputation as a major Connwall tourist attraction and has 462 birds of

126 species.

Mike Reynolds, who has owned the park since 1973, complained to the Broadcasting Standards Commission that he only sold the bird because he was given firm assurances about its welfare.

In December, the Commission agreed the programme had been unfair in several key respects. Its ruling stated: "Par-

to Mr Cimino offering to buy

Mr Reynolds said: "We want it back. I want to get it out of this mess. Mr Cimino has paired it up with a bird of a different species. He's about to breed hybrids, which is not

cised in January for showing faked scenes in a documentary on the Colombian drugs trade, has consistently maintained that the bird was living in a

gests that they were acting in good faith on the information they had been given in relation to the sale of the parrot. Although they may have been naive in taking their dealings with Wildlife Direct at face value, there was no suggestion of any illegal behaviour or

Mr Reynolds, the founder of the World Parrot Trust, a body aimed at helping to save over 30 different endangered parrot species, has now switched his energies to getting Pimpernel back. But despite twice writing the parrot back, it remains in

a good idea." Carlton, which was criti-

to the broadcasting watchdog, Carlton said: "The parrot is in a substantially improved physical and mental condition since its purchase by the programme-makers."

top parrot sanctuary in Ire-

land, housed at the Irish Par-

rot Rescue Trust. In evidence

But Cimíno says he is keeping the two year-old parrot in two-bedroom house in a

run-down part of Dublin's Park until Mr Reynolds guarnorth inner city. In keeping antees that the bird will be with the area, Mr Cimino has found an alternative home, inspected and approved by the Irishman. He said: They changed the parrot's name to The Gurrier", Dublin slang for a troublesome youth. Mr Cimino insists that the parrot is perfectly healthy and happy. He refuses to return

the bird, which measures

about 18 inches from head to

Ray Cumino insists that Pimpernel is better off in his two-bedroom house in Dublin than at Paradise Park

want the parrot but they have no legal claim or title over it. I oaid them for it and they were prepared to take the money." dise Park, is not an alterna-He dismisses Mr Reynolds's tive. The breed is vulnerable to

claims that the parrot needs to

ship as "utter nonsense." But Tony Juniper of Friends of the recommended that the bird be returned to England. He said: "A domestic house in Dublin, compared to Para-

extinction. To have it with a dif-

ferent species is not sensible."

'Headless man' in legal threat to biographer

By Gillian Harris SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MAN alleged to be at the centre of one of Britain's most sensational divorce scandals is said to be threatening legal action against a biographer who intends to reveal his identity in a book later this year. Michael Thornton, who has

been working on his biogra-phy of the late Duchess of Argyll for 13 years, has received more than a dozen letters from lawyers acting for the man whom he believes ap-peared in photographs used in court as evidence of the He was one of 88 men cited as his wife's lovers. They

by the the lift Duke of Argyll cluded three members of the Royal Family, two Cabinet ministers and three actors. During the hearing in 1963, the most fevered speculation surrounded the identity of the "headless man" who featured in two shots which cut him off at the neck but showed the duchess performing a sex act. while wearing nothing but a string of pearls. Mr Thornton, 58, who be-

came a close friend of the duchess, says that he is prepared to name the man in his book, Argyll versus Argyll, to



The duchess: husband said she had 88 lovers

Joseph. He told Scotland on sists in denying it b the evidence now."

Mr Thornton said that he had been able to confirm the man's name through material from private files belonging to Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, who died last week. Lord Denning, who conducted an inquiry into the discovered political and aristocratic connections with the Ar-

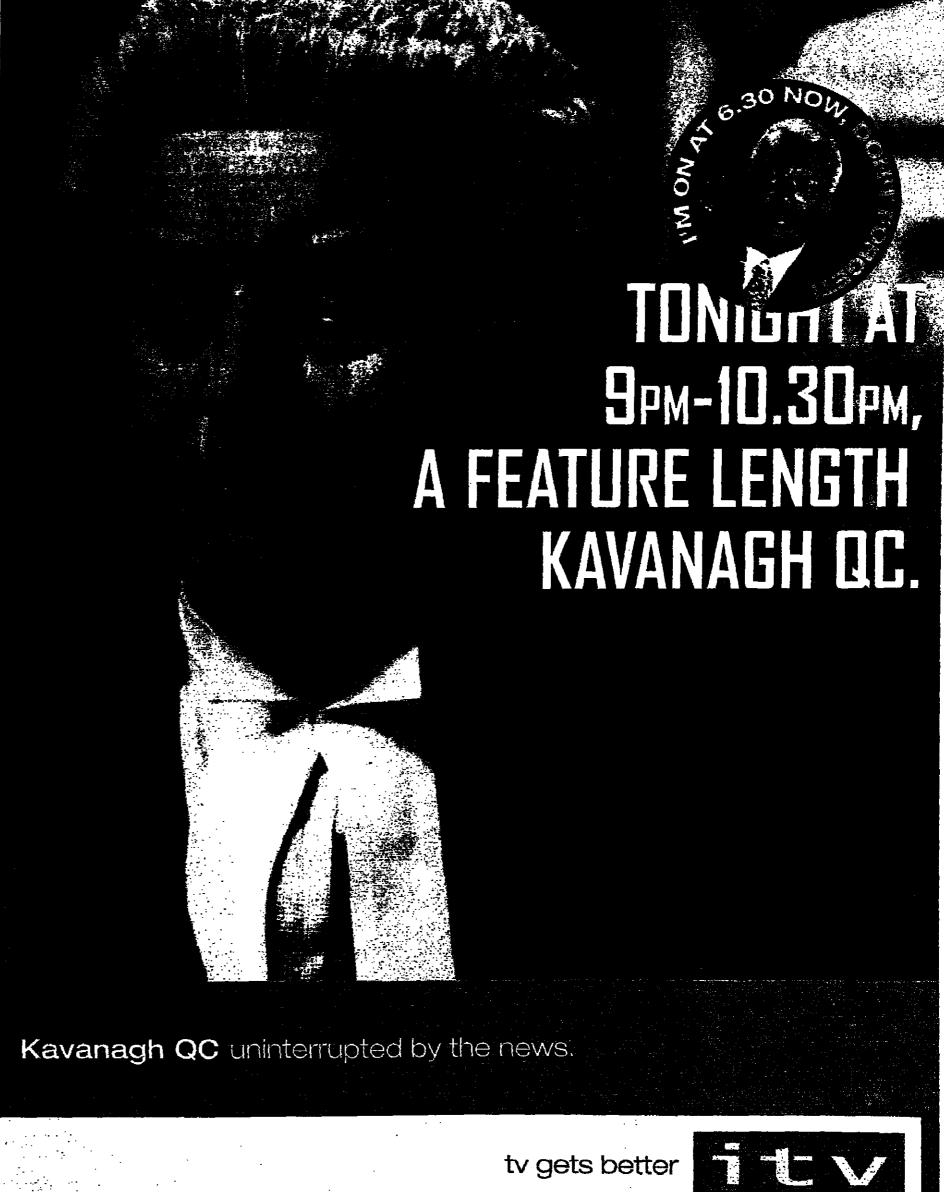
The Argyll family has al-ways declined to comment on the divorce. The duchess died in London in 1993.

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## New magazine for women not the write stuff

New journal is said to be outdated and unfortunately named, report Alex O'Connell and Imogen O'Rourke

A MAGAZINE for women writers that has received £70,000 in lottery funding has been criticised by the female literati for its "unfortunate" title and "outdated" manifesto.

Mslexia was founded on the premise that there is something rotten in the state of publishing. Footnotes beneath the magazine's editorial explain that: "Dyslevia is a difficulty. more prevalent in men, with reading and spelling. Mslexia is a difficulty, more prevalent in women, with getting pub-

The sickness metaphor is extended throughout the magazine - writers are called PWDs (Persons with Writing Disorders) and a Dr Ingrid K fronts a "Word Surgery", to which women can send their writing for criticism.

Mslexia, which is launched today, promises to provide "information, guidance and inspiration for published and unpublished authors and improve the quality and standing

of women's literature." But women writers, including Fay Weldon, have argued in the past that niche publishing should be careful not to "perpetuate victimisation and complaint". Although the magazine may be praised by the

Spare Rib generation, many women in publishing are puzzled by its tone and title. Mslexia's guest editor, Michele Roberts, who has chosen a selection of erotic fiction for the first issue, said: "The title is most unfortunate and implies that being a woman is a kind of dis-

Claire Rayner, the broadcaster and writer, laughed when told of the magazine's name. "It is a ridiculous title and is going to mean the very opposite of what the editors. think it is," she said.

Beryl Bainbridge, the win-



The first issue of Mslexia

ner of this year's WH Smith literary prize, was put off by Dr Ingrid K's column, which aims to stamp out readers' cliches and rewrite sloppy copy.

"This is a cliche." Bain-bridge said, pointing to Dr Ks phrase "model wife". The novelist also took exception to a line that referred to the tendons at the base of a woman's "smooth throat".

"If her throat was really

smooth he wouldn't know about her tendons," she said. A woman literary agent who sked not to be named said: "We have been there and done that and now women are just getting on with things. I don't think they are cowering at

home too scared to take their

manuscript out from under

the mattress, as the tone of this

magazine implies." Mslexia's editor. Debbie Taylor, a former editor of New Internationalist. hit upon the idea for the magazine while working on an annual journal of women's writing. She was shocked to see that there were more than 3.000 submissions. but only 600 subscribers. At the same time, she noted. Writer's News, a practical guide, had a readership of 18.000.

"I realised that people didn't



garde fiction as get to see their own work published," she

Ms Taylor told funding bodies that the publishing world was dominated by men and that women were less confident about approaching pub-

"They tend to hesitate before

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they think it's very very good," she said.

Ms Taylor received a threeyear grant from Arts 4 Everyone, combined with funding from the lottery and Northern Arts. By 2001, she hopes, Mslexia will be able to pay its own way on subscriptions. But Sally O'Sullivan, the

Ms Taylor had a tough job ahead and that she would be interested to see how the magazine's circulation developed. "Successful writers aren't that helpful when it comes to giving advice about how to

write. It is such a lonely business that it is quite hard to be fascinating about it," Ms

and male bonding.
However Paul Yuill, the li-



Lewis and Tolkien had weekly meetings at the pub but frequently popped in for an impromptu drink

### Oxford pub keeps literary tradition alive

held weekly literary meetings is backing The Times Free Books For Schools scheme in erary tradition.

The Eagle and Child, known to generations of students as the Bird and Baby, bosted the Lewis-Tolkien coterie between 1946 and 1967. The group, known as the Inklings held official meetings every Tuesday lunchtime but frequently popped in for impromptu drinking sessions. C.S. Lewis's chair remains in the bar and is Oxford's prime writers. In a forthcoming bar

target for tourist bottoms. cluding braille and audio versions, are included in the Free Books for Schools scheme, which offers a range of titles in exchange for tokens from

There has been speculation that passages from The Hobbit and the Namia stories were composed in the Eagle and Child, inspired by a heady combination of alcohol

censee, is wary of such claims. They just got drunk a lot and talked nonsense - a tradition that is still going strong." he

THE Oxford pub where idea came from a regular cus-J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis tomer who remembers the Inklings from his undergrad-Child has since collected an attempt to create a new lit- more than 2,000 tokens for St Barnabas's in Jericho, a locai school.

The campaign has been helped by the C.S. Lewis Society during its weekly meetings in the pub, and by the Cryptics, a latter-day linklings made up of literature dons, doctors and poets.

The Eagle and Child is also doing its bit to help an older generation of potential Several of Lewis's books, in- prize of £1,000, matching the

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### Oxford's dead poets' society is resurrected

at Oxford University Press managed an almost miraculous resurrection

Oxford Poets, the poetry list of 26 well-known versifiers that OUP had publicly condemned on the grounds that its sales had to be subsidised. will live on thanks to an agreement between the university and Carcanet Press, which specialises in poetry.

OUP is owned by Oxford Universitv and makes about £6 million for the university each year, but the OUP Robin Young reports on a reprieve for the best of British verse

board of directors had decided that Oxford Poets was an unjustifiable drain on their revenues. OUP's core activity is described as "publishing of scholarly and educational work in pursuit of the university's objectives". and it began publishing contempo-rary poetry only in the 1960s.

Among the 26 poets currently published in the Oxford Poets list are Peter Porter, D. J. Enright, Fleur Adcock, Thomas Kinsella, Michael Donaghy, Alice Oswald, Jo Shapcott and Jamie McKendrick.

The decision to abandon the publication of their efforts angered poets and their readers, including many eminent academics. Jon Stallworthy, the Oxford Professor of English Literature and editor of the Oxford Book of War Poetry, who is himself a Carcanet-published poet, accused the

OUP delegates of "an act of vandalism".

Now the OUP has agreed that an editorial board appointed by the the university's English faculty and chaired by a faculty member will work with OUP and Carcanet to improve both the standard and the publishing returns of Oxford Poets.

Henry Reece, OUP's chief executive, denied that the deal with Carcan-

et represented a change of heart, saying: "We have been trying to find a so-lution that keeps the poetry list together for the last six months. This promises to be an excellent partnership and will appeal to all those concerned about the widest possible dissemination of poetry." Michael Schmidt, Carcanet's man-

ager and editorial director, said: "It is a particular pleasure to play a part in the Oxford Poets list which, with Faber's, is the best list of contemporary poetry in English."

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Paedophiles turn attention to East Europe

A GROWING number of Britof prison, are travelling to Eastern Europe to buy young-sters for the price of a take-

away burger.
The sudden increase in activity comes after a clampdown by the authorities in Thailand

and the Philippines, traditional haunts of child abusers.

Detectives say paedophiles have targeted Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, because it is called a fear house and it is only a few hours away and the police there are not yet geared up to deal with the sudden influx of offenders. Scotland Yard believes pae-

dophiles are travelling to East-ern Europe up to 700 times a year to abuse children of poverty stricken parents, who will hand over their sons and daughters for food or drink. Police intelligence suggests that one paedophile can abuse up to 20 children in a single

A former Radio I disc jockey is to appear in a Prague court this week on charges involving boys under 15, the age of consent there. Chris Denning, 57, was allegedly followed after leaving Britain by the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), which alerted the authorities in Prague. He denies the charges.

Prosecutions are rare because the men are difficult to track. Even though sex offenders in this country have to <sup>6</sup> Parents sign a sex register on their release

hand over from prison it does not stop them from traveiling abroad. sons and And aithough the Sex Offenders Act daughters of 1997 gave British authorities the ability to prosecute paefor food or dophiles for crimes committed abroad,

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a single prosecu-tion. The Home Office says that is because if Briton was jailed for 14 years would prefer that people be in the Philippines for abusing dealt with in the country where the crime has been committed. The police also say that it could be difficult to make sure that witnesses travelled to

there has not been

Britain to give evidence: A former detective with the Paedophile Unit at Scotland Yard said: "We can stop football hooligans going abroad but not paedophiles. Poverty in the East European countries makes it a popular choice for them. The children are

One of Britain's most dangerous paedophiles is still being hunted by British police after disappearing on his release In Prague a child costs the price

of a burger, and abusers are

flooding in, writes

from prison in June 1997 without signing the Sex Offenders Register. He is believed to be in Eastern Europe.

Adam Fresco

Warwick Spinks, 34, served 30 months of a seven-year sentence for drugging and kidnap-ping a 14-year-old boy from Yorkshire and taking him to Amsterdam where he was sold to a gay brothel. The youngster was able to escape and alerted the authorities.

Described as the "Pied Piper" of child molesters, on his release from prison he sent his probation officer a mocking postcard from Gatwick saying he was leaving the country. He can be sentenced in this country to six months imprisonment or a fine of up to £5,000 for not signing the register and letting police know his whereabours.

Predatory paedophiles, so called because they will do anything and travel anywhere to

get into a position whereby they can children, have been abandoning their former haunts in the Far East. The authorities in the Philippines and Thailand are policing areas where paedophiles are known to congregate, making it harder for them to procure children. In July

last year John Pid-

an eight-year-old boy. Prague is much nearer, only two hours flight away, and a few pounds goes a long way in

the Czech Republic. Wayne Smith, head of the NCIS Special Crime Unit. said: "Predatory paedophiles are very dangerous. They will go to extreme lengths to satisfy their desires. They do not see there is anything wrong with their activity

"We make intelligence logs and last year we made 340 logs of individuals travelling abroad, although not necessarily different individuals. That is 20 per cent more travelling



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dren than in 1997.
"Because we obviously don't

always know when they are travelling the number could be as high as 600 or 700 in-stances of paedophiles travel-ling abroad," he said.

Paedophiles often exchange information and police believe they have even tried to organise conventions to discuss the best places to go and ways of avoiding the authorities. Mr Smith admitted that there was worrying evidence to show the number of paedophiles travel-

ling abroad was increasing.

"It is a terrible picture.

These are particularly dangerous people. The introduction of the Sex Offenders Act did not stop them abusing. They will offend, they need to offend, and unfortunately they will need to travel in order to satisfy their demands."



The futuristic Leila Pearce design, modelled by Victoria Jacobson, another student

### Secondhand clothes are fit for Caprice

CAPRICE, the supermodel who favours Versace lace dresses, is to stroll down the catwalk in a secondhand outfit recycled from a charity

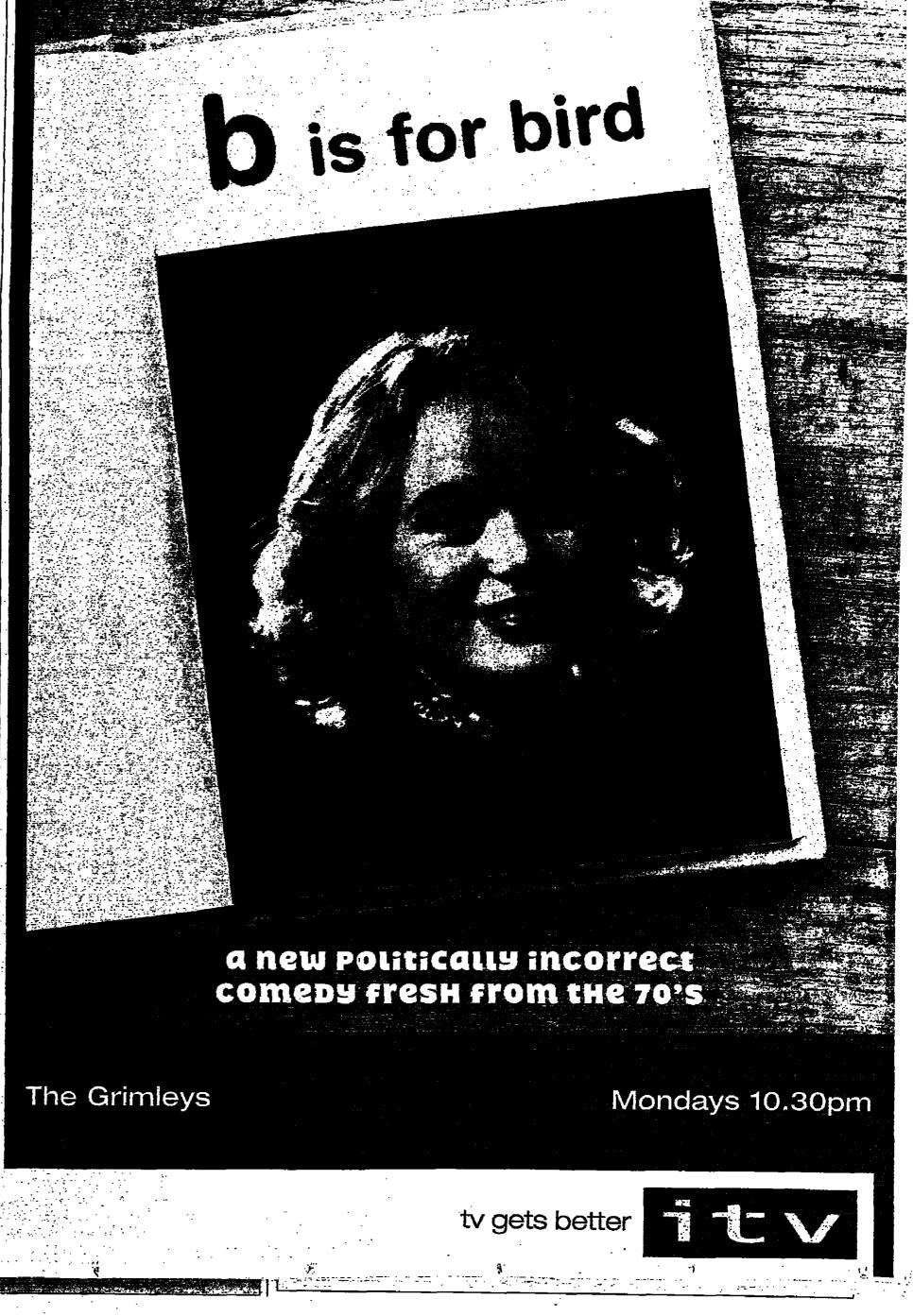
Fashion students from across the country have creat-ed a range of designs from materials such as transistor radios, bin-bags, quilted bed-spreads and hessian sacks for a competition run by The Cancer Research Campaign. The judges include Jeff Banks, the designer and former Clothes Show presenter, and Caprice, who will model the winning

design. More than 200 students entered the competition, which is based on the theme Metamorphosis. Fifty-six have made it through the regional heats to have their creations modelled by professionals on Thursday afternoon at the American Intercontinental University in West London. The winner will spend two ence with Mr Banks and Red

or Dead, the fashion designers. Wayne Hemingway, chairman of Red or Dead. which began by recycling second-hand clothes and remod-elled shoes in Camden Market, said: "This is something very close to our hearts."

Claudia McVie. south-west regional director of the charity and one of the judges, said: The recycling fashion show is the perfect way to promote recycling. It allows us to introduce the great value for money our charity shops rep-

Among the entrants is Leila Pearce, 27, taking a degree in fashion and textile design at the University of the West of England in Bristol She created leggings and a corset from ski-wear and a transistor radio circuit board, and a silver head-dress from rubber, elastic and LED lights. She said: The design is based on transformer toys. It is looking at the future when people and technology will live harmoni-



## Ashdown calls party to action for final time

By James Landale and Jason Allardyce

PADDY ASHDOWN urged mentioned his 11-year tenure the Liberal Democrats to have no limit to their ambitions for power as he set his party on an election footing for the last time as leader vesterday.

In his last speech to a national party gathering, he encouraged his activists gathered in Edinburgh to redouble their efforts in campaigning for this summer's local, regional and European polls.

And despite the recognition among many of the party faithful that yesterday marked the end of an era. Mr Ashdown

PADDY'S PARTY PIECES

New Labour boasts that it roars like a lion. But far too frequently it

You cannot agree with a blank sheet of paper. — Glasgow 1995

Let me tell you what I fear after the next General Election. I fear a Government empty of ideas and devoid of reforming radicalism. I fear a Government which continues to avoid a whole-hearted communities to avoid a whole-hearted communities to

our European future. — Brighton 1994

☐ There is no glass ceiling for the Liberal Democrats. — Blackpool

☐ There is an old rhyme that sums up Labour. Something borrowed, a lot that's blue, too much that's old and nothing new. — Bournemouth

1991
☐ Labour is the music of Dire Straits, the Tories are the music of Simple

Minds, but we are the New Kids on the Block. — Bournemouth 1991 Where Labour betray Britain as well as themselves is in their failure of

courage: the weakness, the narrowness and the timidity of their vision. — Blackpool 1990  $\square$  This party is back on the road and travelling upwards. — Singiston 1989

rueaks like a mouse. — Edinburgh 1999 We must search for the heroes inside ourselves.

☐ Where Labour betray Britain as well as thems

only once. In a pragmatic and unsenti-

mental speech, he also delivered a thinly veiled warning to his successor — to be elected in August — that he or she should maintain the party's current strategy of limited co-operation with Labour. The Liberal Democrats, he said, could not have an impact from the touchline: "We can only do it as players on the field."

Mr Ashdown set out his party's terms for a possible coalition with Labour in the forth-

In a speech lasting just under an hour, Mr Ashdown attacked Labour's uncertainty and unwillingness to be bold. "Time and again this Government ducks the really big issues." he said. The Prime Minister will tell Richard and Judy what to

do about Glenn Hoddle but he

won't tell us what he'll do

coming Scottish parliament. If

Labour was not interested in

investing more in education,

they should "not even bother

to pick up the phone", he said.

about the euro." Labour, he said, boasted that it roared like a lion: "But far too frequently it squeaks like a mouse. I do not doubt new Labour's good intentions but I despair at their lack of ambition. We can do better.

We can be better." The party was embarked on "voyage to a new political world" created by the devolved Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly, the introduction of the euro and other constitutional reforms.

But he gave warning: "The changes we have begun could lead to a more open, more tolerant, more liberal Britain or they could be just another brief fluttering of hope, quick-



Paddy Ashdown speaking at the Liberal Democrats' conference in Edinburgh, where he urged members to put no limit to their ambitions for power

ly lost through lack of ambition and a shortage of boldness in those who lead us." He urged the party faithful: "Be ambitious for the Liberal Democrats. But above all be ambi-

tious for Britain." Mr Ashdown said the forthcoming elections were among the most important ever in Britain, creating "a whole new political settlement" for the country.

'These elections will decide not just who governs but how we are governed. After these elections, Britain will never be the same again. The Government of Britain will be more decisively and irreversibly clos-

### Just don't mention that contest

By James Landale POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOR the Liberal Democrat faithful gathered in Edinburgh a helpful badge had been included in the conference pack. "My vote — up for grabs." it said simply. The accompanying instructions declared: "Wear this badge around the bars and make sure you get spotted by one of those MPs who 'isn't standing for leader'."

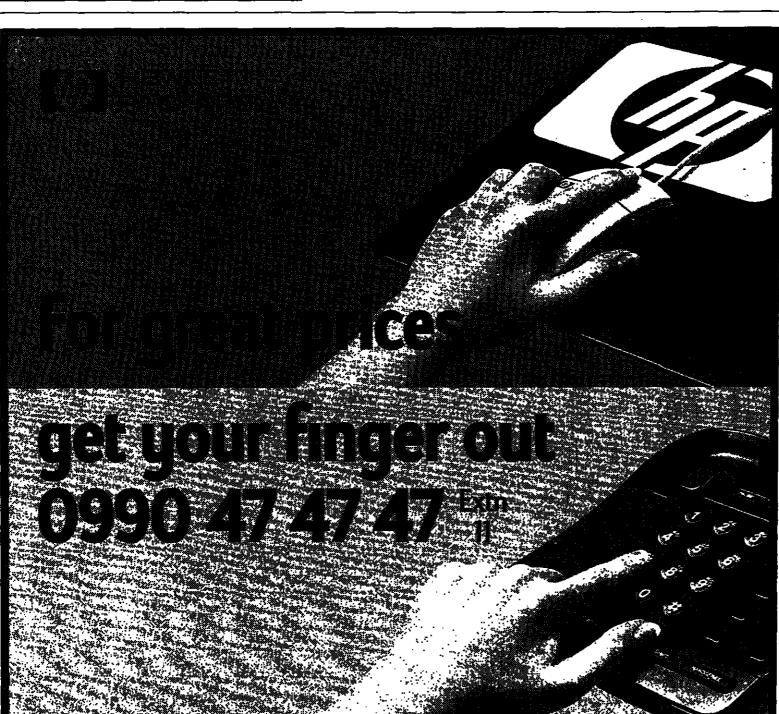
That was one of the lew public, albeit tacit, acknowledgements that this weekend was a leadership contest that dare not speak its name. Officially no one is campaigning, positioning, or lobbying to

become Paddy Ashdown's successor. All til August 9, when his successor is an-MPs — potential candidates and their footsoldiers — have been furnly instructed to keep their mouths shut. Two new boys who foolishly allowed their allegiances to become public last week have been carpeted by Mr Ashdown. Nothing. they were told, should divert the party's attention from the local, regional and European elections in May and June.

Nothing should happen until Mr Ashdown formally announces his intention to stand down on June 11. Nominations must be in by June 28. Voting will not start until mid-July. Mr Ashdown, they emphasise, is going to be party leader unnounced. That is five months away. The truth is that everyone at the spring

conference was talking about nothing but the leadership. Potential candidates were seen buying endless rounds of drinks late into the night at the conference botel. The conference hall mysteriously filled when young pretenders delivered speeches. Hypothetical election scenarios of extraordinary complexity were doing the rounds.

But amid the electioneering, Mr Ashdown was mischievous to the last."I have changed my mind," he told the members. After a pause, he added: "Only joking, but what a lot of white faces there are





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### Bell backs son-in-law's plan to fight his seat

By Mark Inglefield POLITICAL REPORTER

MARTIN BELL, the BBC war correspondent turned politician, has welcomed an attempt by his son-in-law to replace him as MP for Tatton.

Peter Bracken, who is married to Mr Bell's eldest daugh-ter, Melissa, told The Times vesterday that he wanted to become the Labour candidate for the Cheshire seat. His decision came on the day that the area's local Conservative Party finalshortlist of dates for the seat, which the Tories held by a majority of 20,000 until Mr Bell's victory at the last general election.

"I don't want to be seen as flying my kite but if I was offered Tatton it would be a great opportunity and honour to be its MP." Mr Bracken

Mr Bell, who has pledged not to stand for a second term, said: "If he wants to stand and is selected then I wish him



his wife, Melissa

well. Tatton is the fourth safest Conservative seat in the country but i think the Conservatives are very wise not to take it for granted."

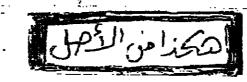
If Mr Bracken is selected by Labour he will have a tough fight on his hands. The Tories are determined to wrest back Tatton, which they lost when the Labour Party and Liberal Democrats stood down their so that Mr Bell could fight the seat on an anti-sleaze ticket. The then MP, Neil Hamilton, had been forced to resign

as a minister because of his involvement in the cash for questions scandaland the Tories are determined to find a candidate who is as "clean as a whistle" to win back their former stronghold. One of those tipped to make

the final shortlist, which was being finalised yesterday, is George Osborne, William Mr Osborne will be pitched against a strong local candidate, Derek Squirrel, a former

mayor of Knutsford. Mr Bracken, 38, a former Army major, currently works for a headhunting agency. He and Melissa met during the 1997 election campaign, when she was working for her father and he was helping the Labour campaign. They live in Handforth and are expecting





## In search of the 'holy water' of Antrim

breed now, but Martin Fletcher tracked down one of Ireland's poteen makers

IN A tiny, sweltering outhouse lit by a single lightbulb in a remote part of Co Antrim an old man chuckles as a crystalclear liquid trickles from a spout at the bottom of a large blue barrel. For half a century Patrick has been making po-teen, and another batch of his fiery, potent tipple is on its way. Don't drink it yet, he says. Wait till it gets weaker. The first litre or two is "poison" so strong it would kill you.

I had been looking for one of the dying breed of poteen makers for weeks. Everyone knows how to get the stuff, even police and customs officers, but finding a maker is a different matter. Then one evening my telephone rang. You're looking for a character?" a man's voice asked. "Meet me outside the bakery in Dunloy at 7pm tomorrow. Dunloy is a nationalist vil-

Patrick was nearly caught a

few years ago when security

He took us into a shed be-

hind his house where two

20-gallon barrels of fermenting "wash" - sugar, treade.

grapes, raisins, yeast and wa-

ter — were emitting a strong,

sweet smell from beneath their canvas covers. His neighbours

all knew when he was brew-

carries it into the outhouse.

and transfers it into a large steel boiler beneath which he

places a propane gas ring. It takes an hour for the wash to

start boiling. The steam is fun-

nelled into a coiled

copper pipe - the

"worm" - that spi-

rals down into the

blue barrel, which

is filled with cold water. The steam

condenses and

comes out through

the spout as pure

poteen. The entire

"run" takes about

three hours, and produces enough

to fill a dozen gin

or vodica bottles

with a fluid twice

as strong. Patrick

no longer drinks poteen himself. He gave it up a few years

ago after a fearful binge. "I

was that sick I didna' care if I

died or no," he said. His wife

He knows of no one else in

the area that still makes

poteen, and none of his sons

showed any interest, but he has taught one of his teenage

grandsons, who fully intends

The evening became distinct-

ly jolly, and ended with us per-

forming various tests with Patrick's poteen. We lit pieces

of newspaper covered in the stuff and watched it burn off

with a bright blue flame while

leaving the paper unsinged. We then did the same using

our fingers. Happily the

poteen passed both tests, and Sean and I walked out into

into the night clutching a couple of bottles each as trophies.

now does his tasting.

to keep the art alive.

After three weeks he strains the "wash" into a milk churn,

ing, he chuckled.

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that danger has receded.

lage not many miles from Bushmills, where the world's first legal whiskey distillery was established in 1609. I sat in the darkness for half an hour until a car drew up alongside mine. A man with a baseball cap and two days' stubble wound down his window. "Hop in," said Sean, and for 15 minutes we wound through back lanes until we reached an isolated bungalow. "Yer man will be sizing you up before he talks," Sean warned. "He'll want to be sure of you." And in we walked to a spartan living room with a coal fire, a battered sofa and a few holy pictures on the wall.

Patrick (not his real name) was sitting in an upright chair, a genial fellow in his mid-seventies with white hair and bushy eyebrows. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were watching

television. He sat us down and dispatched a grandson to fetch us a glass of his "holy water" or His wife bought tea and scones. Patrick

learnt his art from the legendary Mick-ey McIlhatton, "King of the Glens", he told me in an accent so thick he might have been speaking Urdu. In-

deed Sean had to translate. "I asked if I could watch him and he said 'aye'," recalled Patrick. "I watched and I thought I could do that myself."

In the old days, when people could not afford the legal stuff, he would produce 1,000 bottles a year. Now he makes barely 100, which he sells by word of mouth for £6 each. He has been caught twice. The first time he was fined £5 and the second, 30 years ago, £100. "If they caught me now it'd be jail," he reckoned, but there is little chance he will be.

The local police turn a blind eye. Customs officers are far more concerned about the quantities of alcohol, tobacco and diesel being smuggled into Northern Ireland from the South. A spokesman confirmed that poteen was "not a high priority", though he said that bad poteen could cause



A glass of "mountain dew" is taken between the boiler, right, and the condenser, from which the pure poteen emerges as a crystal-clear liquid blindness and even death.

Spirits are raised across the globe

By ROBIN YOUNG

THOUGH there is some evidence that distillation was applied to ancient "beers" based on rice, millet or molasses as early as 900BC, spirits are relative latecomers to the West, post-dating wine and beer by

many centuries.

Nonetheless almost every country or region, with the exception of central Africa, has evolved its own spirit based on the cheapest and most plentiful fermentable material available. The Celts of Ireland, Scotland and Wales were world leaders in distilling, developing whiskies made from alcoholic mashes of local grains, which ferment-

ed easily in the damp climate. England's equivalent was gin, also derived from fermented grain. Unlike whisky, which is aged in wood to give it colour and flavour, gin was dosed with flavourings, principally juniper. England also has a small tradition of apple brandy, the best known varieties of which are from Normandy (calvados) or New England (applejack). Vodka can be made from virtually anything, with grain.

molasses and potatoes being the most common bases. In the Middle East palm sap. dates, grape juice, molasses and cereal are used in making arrack, raki and ouzo, which is usually flavoured with ani-

In Scandinavia and northern Germany the local spirit is akvavit or schnapps, grain or potato distillates sometimes flavoured with caraway, and Mexico has tequila from aga-

Sugar-producing countries make rum, and wine-producing countries make grape brandies (from wine) and grappa or marc (from pressed skins and pips). In parts of France, eaux de vie are still made from holly berries, sorb apples, sloe stones and wild blackberries.

# forces searching for arms stumbled across his brew in a neighbours hen house, but with the Troubles over even

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## **'Chinese** stole US missile secrets'

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

THE United States Government is investigating charges that China stole nuclear secrets that enabled it to make massive leaps in the development of its nuclear arsenal.

The theft may have started as long ago as the 1980s and allowed China to improve weapons that had been a generation behind American missiles. As the Government confirmed the inquiry, it faced accusations that it had been slow to act on the allegations because of political sensitivities.

The federal authorities are investigating whether China used secrets stolen from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico to produce small warheads that could be launched from a single missile at multiple targets.

The New York Times reported that the spying was believed to have happened in the mid-1980s but was not detected until 1995, when analysis of Chinese nuclear-missile tests found similarities to America's most-advanced miniature warhead, the W88.

"Currently there is an ongoing investigation to determine if there was criminal conduct, and we continue to assess the implications for national secu-

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President Clinton with his Chinese counterpart, Jiang Zemin, during a 1997 summit news conference in Washington. The White House reportedly knew of the spy claims but tried to minimise them to ensure success at the talks

rity." David Leavy, the White House National Security Council spokesman, said. But Tang Jiaxuan, the Chinese Foreign Minister, decried the allegations yesterday as baseless. He also warned Washington against placing Taiwan under a missile-defence umbrella,

saying it would harm chances

of a peaceful reunification. But Clinton Administration sources said that a Chinese-American suspect was identified at the US Energy Department's weapons laboratory in Los Alamos in 1996. It was not until this year that he was given a lie-detector test, which one official said he failed. He was not

arrested; but last week was

Officials said President Clinton was first told in 1997 that information may have been stolen in the mid-1980s by Chinese agents. But critics said the inquiry was delayed because the discoveries came as the Clinton White House was

China in the run-up to the President Jiang's visit to America in 1997 and Mr Clinton's China tour last year. Moreover, it came as Congress was investigating charges that Beijing had secretly funnelled money to the Democrats in the 1996 presidential campaign.

WORLD IN BRIEF

## Thirty immigrants drown off Florida

Miami: In one of the worst immigrant smuggling disasters of the Florida coast, the US Coast Guard yesterday called off the search for more than 30 Haitians lost at sea after two overloaded boats sank on Saturday (David Adams writes). Three survivors told US officials that one of the two boats suffered mechanical problems about 30 miles east of West Palm Beach. When the secand boat went to help, both ended up sinking. Neither boat had

life jackets.

"It just reiterates the danger that's involved in smuggling," said Ron LaBrec, a Coast Guard spokesman. "These people leave in small boats that are generally unseaworthy, overcrowded and lacking in even the most basic safety gear." The tragedy comes after another smuggling incident in December when Is Cubans drowned after a 29ft boat sank in 6ft seas about 20 miles pout of Mignit Almady this year, 587 Hairiage and 406 Cubans south of Miami. Already this year, 587 Haitians and 406 Cubans have been intercepted off the US coast.

#### Uganda suspends treks

Kampala: The Ugandan Government has suspended treks to the habitat of rare gorillas after the murders last week of eight tourists, including four Britons, by Hum rebels. The month-long suspension covers visits to both the Bwindi National Park, where the tourists were killed, and Mgahinga National Park, which is further south, as part of a mourning period, according to a directive from Brigadier Moses Ali, the Minister for Tourism, Trade and industry. (AFP)

#### Estonians go to polls

Tallium: Estonians voted in a general election expected to produce a centrist coalition which will lead the country to European Union membership while attempting to kickstart a stalled economy. Though much is at stake, turnout appeared to be low. Opinion polls point to no clear winner. The 860,000 eligible voters were faced with a dizzying field when polls opened — 12 parties and 1,885 candidates, nearly 19 for each of the 101 partia-

#### Versace 'HIV positive'

New York: A post-mortem examination of Gianni Versace, right, has revealed that the murdered fashion designer was hiding the fact that he was HIV positive, a book claims (James Bone writes). Maureen Orth writes in Vulgar Favours, an account of Andrew Cunanan's five killings across America in 1997, that Versace, a victim, concealed the diagnosis because he was seeking a stock mar-ket listing for his fashion empire.



#### India air crash kills 21

Delhi: An Indian Air Force Antonov 32 transport aircraft crashed outside the capital, killing 21 people — India's second air disaster in 48 hours. On Friday night an Air France cargo plane ploughed into a Madras runway, bursting into flames. All five people on board survived. The Antonov exploded after crashing on to a building site, sending burning fragments flying into workers' huts. Eighteen servicemen were among the dead. (Reuters)

#### Serbs fight for Brcko

Banja Luka: Milorad Dodik, the outgoing Bosnian Serb Prime Minister, urged an emergency session of parliament not to accept a Western ruling that failed to award the northern town of Broko to the Serb republic. Mr Dodik resigned on Friday in protest at the international arbitration tribunal decision. Hardline and moderate deputies threatened to suspend their participation in the country's state parliament over the issue. (Reuters)

#### Crash singer 'critical'

Franklin, Tennessee: The country singer George Jones was in a critical condition after his car crashed into a bridge near his home while he was talking on a mobile phone to his stepdaughter. Jones, 67, lost control while rounding a bend in the road, state police said, adding that he was not wearing a seat belt. Jones is famous for hits such as He Stopped Loving Her Today and The Race is On. (AP)

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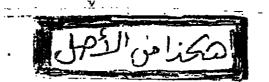
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## Pol Pot's Butcher to face Cambodia trial

the last Khmer Rouge leader at large and perhaps the most brutal, was in custody in Phnom Penh last was in custody in runous remains, night amid indications that he would be put on trial as a scape-goat for all the sins of the murderous group, so letting other former leaders off the hook

Charismatic and ruthless, Mok, known as "The Butcher", was a clever military man who took charge of bloody purges for the late Pol Pot. Unlike other Khmer Rouge leaders, he was a former peasant not a Paris-educated intellectual. He and his men carried out the purges, eliminating real or imagined enemies of "Angka", the sinister organisation that ruled Cambodia when the Klimer Rouge was in power — all at the behest of Pol Pot, whom he later betrayed.

Government officials, casting doubt on the likelihood of any Khmer Rouge leader facing an in-ternational court, said that Mok, arrested on Saturday, apparently on Thailand's northern border with Cambodia, would be prosecuted by a Cambodian court under Cambodian law. Khieu Kanharith, a government spokesman,

Ta Mok may be Khmer Rouge scapegoat, writes James Pringle in Beijing

said that it was unlikely Mok would be sent to an international tribunal after that. Observers said that the domestic

conviction of the most notorious remaining Khmer Rouge leader might stall the push for an interna-



Khmer Rouge regime left 1.7 million people dead

tional trial for other leaders such as "Brother Number Two" Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan, an intellectual who wrote the blueprint

for the Khrner Rouge agrarian rev-olution that led to the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians between 1975 and 1979. Both surrendered and were treated to a luxury tour of Cambodia by Hun Sen, the Prime Minister, before returning to the Khmer Rouge's former headquarters at Pailin, where they live in rel-

ative coming

A team of United Nations jurists has recommended that 20 to 30 former Khmer Rouge be brought before an international tribunal for crimes against humanity and genocide. But, despite mounting calls for such a tribunal, Mr Sen a former junior Khmer Rouge offic-er who broke away in 1977 — has urged caution, saying attempts to bring the leaders to trial could end the first period of peace Cambodia has known for 30 years.

"Mok is to be made a scapegoat

an analyst.
In Pailin recently other former

leaders said that, while they should not be tried for genocide because they had repented. Ta Mok should, as he was a hardliner. "All the people here in Pailin welcome the news of the Government's arrest of Ta Mok." a former Khmer Rouge official said last night.

Mok has only one leg, having lost the other in a tractor accident, not to through a mine. Yet he took care of his fighters who had been similarly mainted and for this his men, as one told this correspondent, "would do anything for him". He would, however, dispose of his enemies, often by poisoning.

Mok has maintained good rela-

tions with Thai military men in northeast Thailand, and used a vehicle with Thai military plates, bought rice for his troops there and had several safe houses.

Last year he seemed on the point of handing over Pol Pot to the Phnom Penh Government but. hearing this on Liberation Radio, the Khmer Rouge station, Pol Pot took his own life - unless, of course, he was poisoned by Mok.



Ta Mok, known as The Butcher but inspiring devotion among his men, at a Khmer Rouge base in Cambodia in April last year.

#### Bomb blast at theatre kills six in Bangladesh

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

TWO powerful bombs activated by a timing device de-stroyed part of a crowded theatre in western Bangladesh yesterday, leaving six people dead and 100 injured. The explosions spread panic through the garrison town of Jessore, on the India-Bangladesh border, 170 miles west of the capital. Dhaka.

Baziur Rahman, the local police chief, said: "The two bombs, believed planted by Islamic extremists, were hid-den under a stage erected for the performing artists." One of the dead was a woman

The performance had been organised by Udichi, a leading anti-fundamentalist cultural group which has been the target of attacks by militant Muslim deries.

The bombing came ahead of a political rally in Dhaka yesterday addressed by Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister, to mark the 28th anniversary of Bangladesh's declaration of independence.

### Pressure grows on Japan to unmask its war criminals

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

GRUESOME medical experiments conducted on prisoners by the Japanese during the Second World War are behind mounting pressure on Tokyo to reopen a vast military archive and so help to identify surviving war criminals.

may have been victims of atrocities masterminded by General Shiro Ishii, commander of the Japanese Imperial Army's germ warfare division - Unit 731. Yet despite casualty numbers 12 times those of the Nazi Dr Josef Mengele, no Unit 731 veterans have been brought to

Defails of one of the war's darkest chapters were broad-cast on US television last night in a documentary likely to ment to American officials as to Japanese. Not for the first. time, Americans were accused of covering up the scale of General Ishii's activities in return for acquiring his research results for the Pentagon's

germ warfare programme.

Unit 731: Nightmare in

Manchuria recounted how General Ishii began using anthrax, typhus and other deadly pathogens against Chinese soldiers in Manchuria in the 1930s. It also contained interviews with US survivors of Japanese prison camps there.

The film was based heavily on research by Sheldon Harris, a Californian history professor who pieced together details of Unit 731's activities from Chinese and Soviet As many as 10,000 PoWs records for a 1994 book, Factones of Death. The book, containing claims of prisoners being infected with germs and dissected alive, will be published in Japan this spring.

Professor Harris found no proof that Allied prisoners were subjected to the tortures, and it is known that some 100,000 Chinese soldiers bore the bright. But last night's film alleged for the first time that there were American victims.

The US Justice Department 60,000 suspected German war criminals, all barred from entering the country. But only 100 suspected Japanese war criminals are known.





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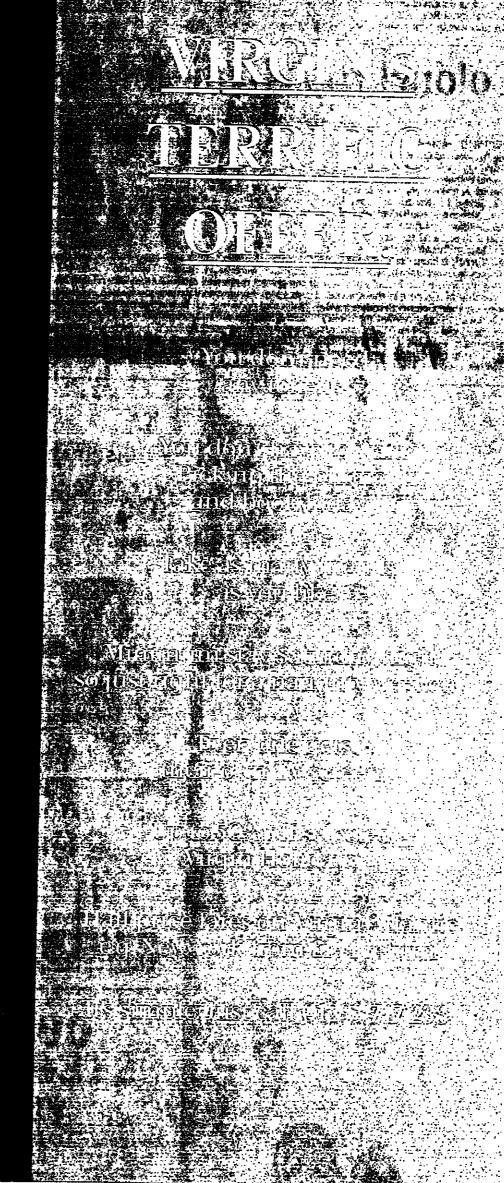
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## Colosseum's animal magic was high art

THE Hollywood image of the Colosseum as a bare, sandy arena covered with the blood of wild beasts, gladiators and martyred Christians is largely mistaken, according to a team of German and Italian archaeologists who have spent three years studying the amphitheatre's underground chambers and corridors.

Heinz Beste. a German archaeologist, and Rossella Rea. an Italian archaeologist, say that the Colosseum was in fact "the greatest theatre of ancient times", able to stage "sumptu-ous entertainments" thanks to a highly sophisticated mechanism of moveable scenery and a complex system of hidden lifts, hoists and pulleys.

The result, Herr Beste said. was a daily programme of spectacular shows". They did involve bloodshed, but not in the form of "duels to the death", which were a latenight speciality. Romans attending shows during the day were shown "amazing speeffects" involving hundreds of actors and exotic animals. "It was a form of propaganda," Signora Rea said.

the money in cash before he was arrested.

According to a report in the Kommer

sant newspaper, Colonel Setrakov's wife

was seriously ill and needed the money

for an operation. Colonel Setrakov had

been trying to get at his money since Sep-

tember, using more traditional methods,

but without success. His desperate move

No one was injured in the hold-up.

Rome's arena provided more

theatre than bloodshed, writes

Richard Owen

mans with the empire's foreign conquests by displaying the flora and fauna of Africa and Asia in a colourful piece of theatre, "It seems films such as Quo Vadis got it wrong." said Il Messaggero.

The Colosseum was commissioned in AD72 by the Emperor Vespasian (AD69-79), a pro-lessional soldier who despised his deranged and megalomaniac predecessor. Nero. Vespasian drained Nero's artificial lake and built the Colosseum on the site (a golden Colossus of Nero that stood nearby gave the amphitheatre its name).

Faced with Travertine marble, it seated 55,000 spectators. and was inaugurated in AD80 by Vespasian's son, the Emperor Titus, with an opening festival lasting 100 days. It became a ruin in medieval times, but restoration a hundred years ago revealed the structures beneath the arena.

The building is being further renovated for the millennium, at a cost of £15 million. Herr Beste said that the current restoration had enabled experts to examine the remaining structures "centimetre by centimetre". They had found evidence that the arena was covered with 3,588 square yards of wooden flooring, un-derneath which were sloping ramps operated by winches. each moved by eight slaves.

There was also evidence of a "dense network" of lifts behind the podium, with one placed every 3.8 yards and 24 giant trapdoors in the stage. The ramps and lifts would have produced hundreds of actors and animals "as if by

The archaeologists said mornings and afternoons were devoted to animal shows. with gladiator fights only taking place late in the evening. In a typical daytime performance, spectators would have seen a "grove of palms and



The Hollywood image of the Colosseum, as depicted in Quo Vadis with Peter Ustinov playing Nero, has now been questioned by archaeologists

ions and colonnaded buildings" against a vividly painted backdrop. The stage would gradually fill with bears. wolves, lynxes, and wild boar, then lions, panthers, crocodiles, camels and elephants. "beasts which Romans had

Signora Rea said that fights to the death were staged, both between hunters and animals, and between the animals them-"But many were trained and looked after, as in modern circuses", and animal fights were eventually banned altogether in ADS23.

Adriano La Regina, the Su-perintendent of Archaeology, said that the stage machinery as re-created by the German-Italian team according to descriptions of spectacles witnessed by writers such as Martial and Suctonius, and therewere plans to reconstruct the

lifts and trap doors to stage shows in the Colosseum for the millennium - "but without the bloodshed".

He said that accounts of the Colosseum being flooded to stage mock sea battles were probably mistaken, however. since the elaborate under-

ground mechanisms would have been damaged. The "sea battles" are now thought to have taken place across the Tiber, in a water-filled arena built by the Emperor Augus tus (23BC-ADI4), now buried beneath the streets of the

### Colonel robs bank for his savings Kurds claim attack on helicopter

FROM ALICE LAGNADO IN MOSCOW

A FORMER colonel robbed a Moscow bank this week after his \$20,000 (£12.000) struck a chord with thousands of other Russians who lost their life savings or had them decimated when the country life savings were wiped out by Russia's sank into financial crisis in August. financial collapse. Dmitri Setrakov, 66, walked into the

Even the police said they sympathised Bank Rossiiski Kredit on Tverskaya with the colonel. "People don't resolve to Ulitsa, Moscow's equivalent of Oxford do such things without reason. He did the right thing, since banks will not give Street, at 10am on Friday with a hunting rifle and took the chief accountant hosout money," a spokeswoman told the Moscow Times. tage. He also threatened to blow up the bank. Terrified bank staff handed him

Those Russians who did have bank accounts were brave indeed. The banking system is not well established in Russia, with hundreds of banks to choose from and no way to tell how reliable they are. Many people still keep their money under the mattress at home.

This is the second such attempt the bank has seen. In December, Aleksandr Shreiber, 39, took three members of staff

IT'S ABOUT KNOWING WHERE TO LOOK

hostage while demanding his savings be returned. He surrendered after an hour. There have been numerous other stories of similar hold-ups in other parts

of Russia as people have turned to vio-lence to try to get back what is theirs. Others turned the violence in on themselves with several cases of pensioners hanging themselves. One of the saddest cases was that of Pavel Yulayev, 77, who collapsed and died at a bank in the Mordovia region in September when he saw that his savings had been frozen.

An estimated 32,000 Muscovites have sued banks, with some success: about 5 per cent of cases have been won, though udges are often paid off by bankers to prevent money from being handed over.

Anna Blundy, page 20

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

AS Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's Prime Minister, and members of his Cabinet toured the country's southeast vesterday. boasting of gaining the upper hand in the war with Kurdish guerrillas, rebels claimed to have shot down an army helicopter, killing 20 soldiers.

The Germany-based Kurdish news agency DEM said all perished on the helicopter in the southeastern province of Hakkari, the latest strike in the war for autonomy that the rebels vowed would increase aften the capture of their leader, Abdullah Ocalan, The miliin the city of Diyarbakir, Mr Ecevit and his Cabinet discussed a regional aid package with officials. There were no meetings with local businessmen, who had been warned by the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) to stay away.

The £70 million package is designed to encourage investment in a part of the country where the economy has been caught in the crossfire between security forces and the PKK. The Government hopes to capitalise in forthcoming elections on Mr Ocalan's capture in Kenya nearly three weeks ago.
With workers on the prison island of Imrali building a spe-

cial courthouse to try Mr Ocalan, security forces across the country are on alert. Earlier, Mr Ecevit said that

police had detained a suspect in a car bombing last Friday in Cankiri, a town north of Ankara. A regional governor was seriously injured. Three peo-ple, including two girls, died. □ Bonn: Mr Ocalan biames Kenya for handing him over to Turkey, a lawyer said in a magazine interview published today. "He said he was not captured by Turkish forces but handed over by the Kenyans," said Ahmet-Zeki Okcueglu, an Istanbul lawyer seeking to represent him. (AFP)

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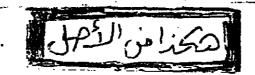
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### Why must the British tabloids always mention the war?

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heavy bombardment from The Sun again last week. Richard Littlejohn compared euro membership to collaboration with the Nazis: Ein Volk, ein Reich, ein Euro was the headline. The Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, was accused elsewhere of having fun on television while the country went to rack and ruin ("Leaving his Government to crumble into the worst since Hitler's').
This week Rudolf Scharping,
the Defence Minister, visits London, so perhaps we will get a few Luftwaffe jokes.

**INSIDE GERMANY** 

soldier found in the jungle of Guam in the 1960s, the British tabloids are still out there gain. somewhere fighting the war.
Like the lonely Japanese The Germans know by now

that they are supposed to be ish psyche. We must field amused. If they fail to laugh anguished inquiries from they confirm the stereotype of humourlessness; if they do force a smile, they are masochistic German stereotypes.

Admittedly, German tabloids are learning to strike back but their efforts are feeble. Last week they carried a "passionately denied" story bout British semen being inferior to German Mainly though, revenge in Germany is a dish best eaten cold. Bild (circulation 4 million) is waiting quietly for the next case of mad cow disease before jumping on the British. Correspondents here func-

some shell-shocked Germans. What does it all mean? First, I explain, there is no evil master plan to humiliate Germany. Everybody gets it in the throat. An adviser to the last Chancellor once complained to me that his son was followed by calls of "Heil Hitler" from fellow pupils while at school in Brighton.

That, I replied, is the nature of the scrum. If you are fat, skinny, spotty, bright. spectacled, German, French. different in any way, you are a legitimate target: God Bless School. Tabloid culture meretion as interpreters of the Brit- ly extends bullying beyond

adolescence. So: laugh. Sometimes I take a different line. I tell Worried of Wuppertal that she should study the anti-German edge in French, Dutch or Turkish papers. Germany is powerful and has many neighbours; natu-

rally it attracts brickbats. A new French bestseller by Philippe Delmas is titled On the Next War with Germany. Or I advise Nervous of Nuremberg that attacks on Herr Schröder are actually coded attacks on Tony Blair. Or that nobody reads foreign stuff in the tabloids. The Sun splashed Oskar Lafontaine, the Finance Minister, on its front cover, described him as

the most dangerous man in Europe, and yet still some 80 per cent of Britons have no idea who he is or for what he

But most of the knockabout tabloid content cannot be defended on any rational level: it is about conditioned responses. The big questions are whether we should get excited at all, whether relations suffer, and whether the war should stop being a journalis-tic point of reference.

ertainly the declara-tion of Michael Naumann, Herr Schröder's cultural co-ordinator. that the British are obsessed

celleries and foreign ministries fret about words written by sub-editors brought up

on commando comics. War metaphors are supposed to dramatise the political situation of plucky Britain standing alone against the euro, back to the wall. I heartily dislike this bluster, but understand it as part of the simplifying process ahead of a complex national decision on the euro rather than as a calculated affront to Germans. Unlike Herr Naumann, I

bate has prewar roots. The war needs to be understood by new generations. Problems arise when it is do not think the British war treated as a music-hall joke obsession is particularly unand serious democratic politihealthy. The Germans are cians are portrayed as Nazi wolves in sheepskin coats. also obsessed by it. Every

## Landslides in Alps bring road chaos

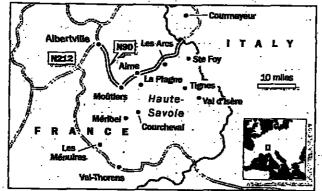
IN PARIS

AT LEAST 60,000 people, many of them British tourists, spent the first day of their skiing holiday on Saturday fuming in their cars as they found themselves stranded for up to nine hours in a huge 25-mile traffic jam in the French Alps.

Traffic was paralysed until the early hours of yesterday morning along the Route Nationale 90 between Albertville and Mouniers, the only road that services the popular ski re-sorts of Tignes, Val d'Isère, La Plagne, Les Arcs, Courcheval and Métibel. As night fell and the temperature dropped sharply, the holidaymakers trapped in their vehicles were

still facing a five-hour wait to get clear of the tailback. Many were unable to reach their hotels and were forced to take refage in makeshift accommodation set up by local authorites in order to avoid spending the night in their

cars in sub-zero temperatures. Most of those caught in the jam were British, Dutch, Belgian and German ski enthusiasts who traditionally flock to the slopes this weekend as



French families return home after the mid-term holiday which ended yesterday.

The gridlock was triggered by two successive landslides that partly blocked one lane of the highway last week. The second rock fall at Pomblières, between Moûtiers and Aime, reduced traffic along the RN90 to one lane that was reserved for holidaymakers leaving the ski resorts. Officials estimated that

32,000 vehicles were headed for the mountains, while 20,000 were trying to leave. Those travelling to the resorts were forced to take a detour along a narrow, muddy

road through a quarry where traffic rapidly slowed down to

As the tailback continued into Saturday evening, the local authorities declared a state of emergency and appealed to residents for help in finding accommodation for the trapped After 1,200 hotel beds in

Chambéry filled up, public buildings there and in nearby towns were requisitioned to house the motorists who had given up trying to get to their destination by late Saturday. The state-run SNCF railway

dispatched two trains with

sleeping cars to Albertville

vide heated beds for 450 people. About 150 tourists were taken in by local families and 70 spent the night in Albertville schools as well as in other public buildings.

The traffic jam was the worst in the area since 1995, when the RN90 was blocked by heavy snowfall.

Michel Barnier, president of the Savoie General Council, urgently appealed to the Government to release Frl.2 billion (£120 million) required to ensure that the RN90 and RN212 were protected from future landslides. We cannot wait for another

Winter Olympics to carry out the road improvements that were studied two years ago by the state. The RN90 serves 30 ski resorts, representing a total of 350,000 beds. The investment required by the state corresponds exactly to the amount paid in taxes by this sector," said M Barnier. What kind of company would abandon such an investment when it can see that it will get its money back in one or two years?" he said.

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Jörg Haider feeds his bear, Kenny, after casting his vote yesterday. A commanding lead by his party has revived fears of a resurgence of neo-Nazism in Austria

#### **Admirer** of Hitler leads poll in Austria

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FROM NIGEL GLASS IN VIENNA

AUSTRIA was recling yesterday after Jörg Haider led his nationalist Freedom Party to a big lead in elections in the southern state of Carinthia.

The victory will for the first time make it the dominant political party in any of the nine states. Exit polls indicated that the Social Democrats, led nationally by Viktor Klima, the Chancellor, were at 32 per cent. which could cost them the majority they have enjoyed since 1945.

Nine years ago Herr Haider was forced to quit as Governor of the state after he praised Hitler's iob policies. His success will be seen by many as a resur-gence of neo-Nazism.

The right-wing Herr Haider's campaign mascot is a bear called Kenny. adopted by the politician and given sanctuary on his estate in Carinthia after farmers had threatened to shoot the animal. Herr Haider has pledged to expel all jobless foreigners. except citizens of the EU.

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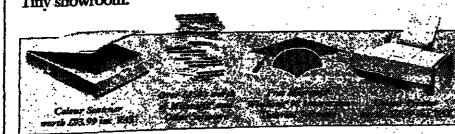
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A security official keeps guard over Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's tent in the grounds of Cairo's Qubba Palace

## Gaddafi pitches for better deal

LIBYA'S maverick ruler. Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, held more talks in Cairo yesterday to overcome the final obstacles on resolving the Lockerbie saga (Christopher Walker writes).

The dictator, spending a week in Egypt for talks on a range of issues besides Lockerbie, has erected a tent in the grounds of Qubba Palace for his accommodation. It will also be used as a venue for meetings.

Yesterday he met Esmet Abdel Meguid, the Egyptian-born head of the Arab League, to discuss guarantees and procedures over the handover of two Libyan suspects to stand trial, under Scottish law, in The Netherlands. Britain and America, whose citizens were among the majority of the 270 victims who died in the bombed plane over Lockerbie, have imposed a 30-day deadline for their

handover.

Arab officials said the Libyan leader was continuing to seek guarantees that the two Libyan intelligence agents would receive a fair trial and that their handover would be matched by an immediate end to the crippling United Nations economic sanctions imposed on Libya since 1992.

Son takes over in Bahrain on death of Emir

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

sponsible for their rapid build-

up recently, including the re-

cruitment of mercenaries from

Jordan and Pakistan with a

He takes over at a time

reputation for brutality.

FOR the second time in a few weeks, a crucial Western ally in the Middle East has seen the smooth transition of power from father to son, this time in the Gulf state of Bahrain, whose ruler. Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, oo, died of a heart attack at the weekend.

As in the recent transfer of power in Jordan after the death of King Hussein, the Sheikh's Sandhurst-trained eldest son, Crown Prince Hamad, was sworn in as the new Emir of the small oil-rich island which has played a key role in US and British policy in the region for many years and which is linked by a cause-

way to Saudi Arabia.

Although Sheikh Hamad, like the new King Abdullah II of Jordan, is primarily an army man, he has had more experience in the day-to-day running of the country.

Bahrain is home to the bigwhen the Sunni Muslim rulgest US naval base in the reing family is embroiled in a gion and its ruler died shortly long-running conflict with milafter talks with William Coitant members of the Shia hen, the US Secretary for De-Muslim majority, who comfence, who was on a visit. Sheikh Isa offered facilities to prise about 65 per cent of the 580,000 population, live mostthe US Navy, discreetly at first ly in poor villages ouside the gleaming capital, Manama. because of popular resentment against a foreign military presand have been encouraged in

ence, then openly during and after the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

He also allowed the use of Bahrain airfields by British and American planes. After the Gulf War, he travelled to Washington to sign a security pact with the US.

The new Emir was already commander-in-chief of the armed forces, having been re-

pend the Constitution.

Western governments have largely turned a blind eye to the heavy-handed tactics of the Bahraini security forces in what has often come to resemble a guerrilla war.

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Sheikh Hamad receiving condolences in Manama yesterday on the death of his father, Sheikh Isa. He was sworn in as the new Emir of Bahrain on the same day

#### Talks on Lebanon pullout

By Christopher Walker

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, vesterday sent a special envoy to Paris for discussions on the terms for an Israeli withdrawal from the buffer zone it occupies in south Lebanon, Israeli army radio reported.

army radio reported.

The trip appeared to have been organised by the Prime Minister after Salim Hoss, his Lebanese counterpart, indicated in a BBC interview at the weekend that, if Israel withdrew from south Lebanon, his Government would prevent cross-border attacks by Islamic and Palestinian guerrillas.

The future of the costly Israeli military presence in the
nine-mile-wide buffer zone has
emerged as a prime issue in
the May 17 general election after the recent killing of seven
more Israelis there, including
a brigadier-general, and a
pledge by the main opposition
candidate, Ehud Barak, the Labour leader, to "bring the boys
home" within 12 months if he
is elected

Mr Netanyahu would not confirm the report that he had sent his top diplomatic adviser. Uzi Arad, to France for talks on the situation. "I prefer not to give details about our diplomatic contacts," he said.

The radio did not say when Mr Arad left or who he

#### Damascus to rearm Saddam

By MICHAEL EYANS DEFENCE EDITOR

A SECRET deal as been agreed between Sria and Iraq for the supply of military equipment to sagndad, according to Middle East

Relations between the two countries have been improving significantly in recent months, with agreements already signed to develop both political and conomic co-operation.

Now, after a new deal between the Syrian and Iraqi intelligence services, military equipment valued at about £60 million is to be shipped across the border, the intelli-

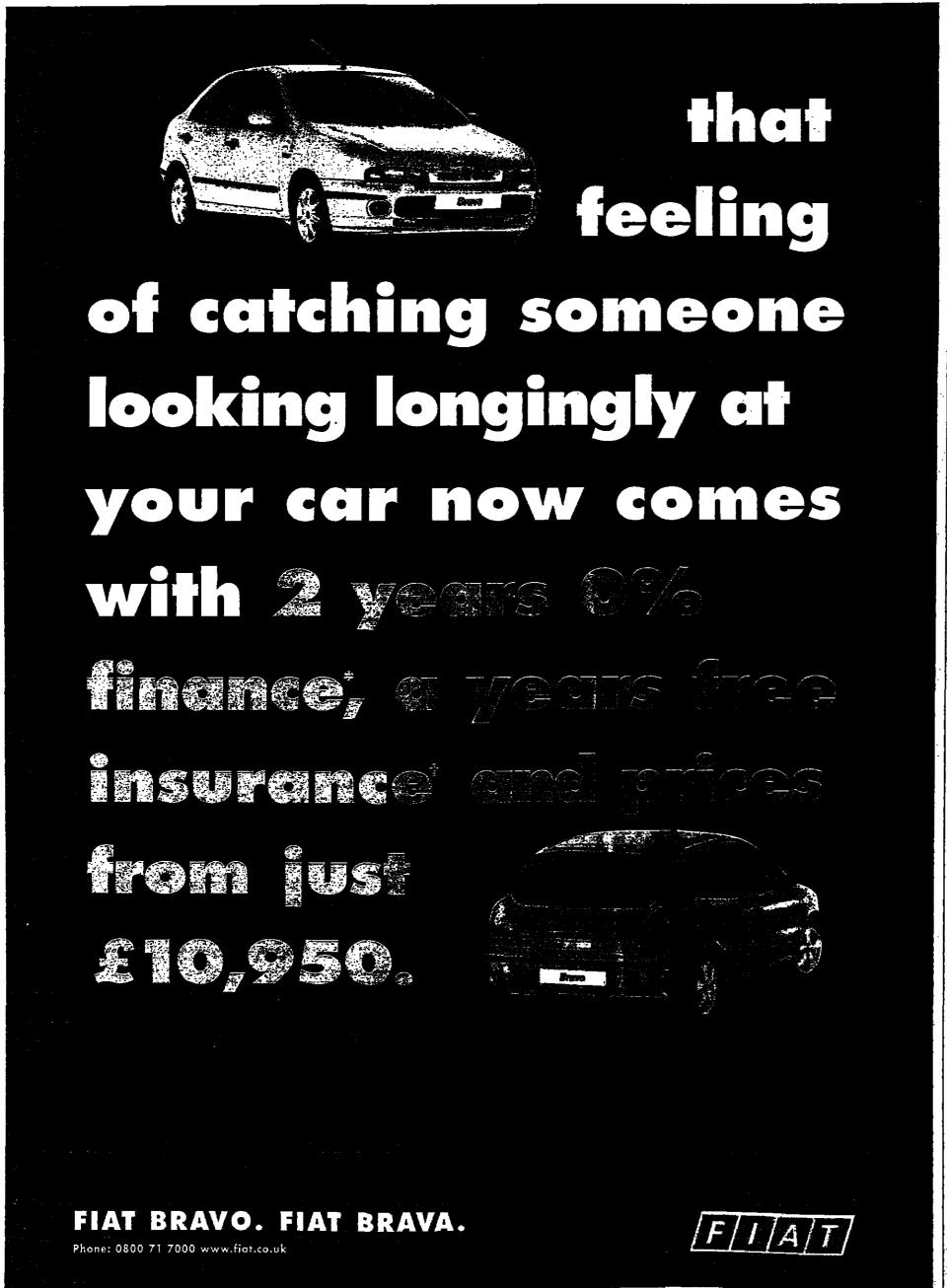
gence sources said.

Since the 1991 Gilf War, President Saddam Hussein has faced a severe sibrtage of spare parts for his army because of the international arms embargo. Under the Damascus agreement, Syrian spare parts for military equipment would be convirted for use by the Iraqi Aimy, the sources said. The pans would include engines for Russianmade tanks and tracks for

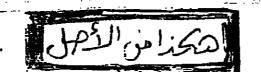
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## The new philanthropists

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Millionaire Torquil Norman and heiress Sabrina Guinness are both dedicated to helping disadvantaged children. Grace Bradberry and Vanora Bennett report

WHEN this decade began, there was much talk about the caring. sharing Nineties. With the country mired in recession and individuals scrambling to look after themselves, it sounded like empty Zeitgeist rhetoric. Yet with the millennium upon us, there are signs that this has indeed become a more caring, sharing decade. Over the past ten years, there has been a general realisation that the welfare state cannot solve all society's ills. Rather than locking the front door and blocking their minds, however, people

seem more inclined to embrace social problems as their own: Those who are "getting involved" do not necessarily support new Labour. Yet whatever you think of the arrogance and spin of the Blair project, there is no doubt that at its heart lies a social conscience. In this the Government and its People are one. We have rejected both the notion that the poor should help themselves. and that of handouts, in favour of an inclusive society where the haves and have nots work together for a better community.

Companies are not just giving to charity, they are also involving their employees. Accountants painting hostels would have been unheard of in the Eighties. Individuals, too, have ceased to view charitable giving as a way to salve the conscience while improving their tax position. They want to do something. "Social Entrepreneurs", identified by Charles Leadbeater in a 1997 Demos report, take under-utilised resources and use them to satisfy unmet social needs. Such people give the lie to Margaret Thatcher's observation that "no one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd had only good intentions. He had money as well."

We are also seeing the rise of the "new philanthropists", who prove that an entrepreneurial spirit and a social conscience are not incompatible. Torquil Norman exemplifies the breed. Having built a £100 million company from nothing, he is now putting both his money and his time into a visionary project.

rane-like, Torquil Normop of dark hair. "Are you playing that?" he asks, curious at the musical talents of the small boy with his miniature organ. The child, who is Bulgarian and part of a travelling circus family, doesn't answer, but smiles instead. Norman smiles, too, straightens his 6ft 7in frame and looks around him at the shadowy grandeur of the Camden Roundhouse, in North London.

Norman, 66, is a man who could as soon ignore a child as perform acrobatics on the steel drums suspended above his head. He made his fortune from "kids", as he calls them, setting up Bluebird Toys in the Eighties and becoming one of that decade's most successful entrepreneurs. Now, as the saying goes, he is "giving something back", and the Roundhouse is part of his gift.

The day we meet, his acquisition seems a quiet, gloomy but monumental place. A door at the back has been forced open. There are padlocks to keep people out. But it won't be like this for much longer. Already it has been filled with the sounds of 100 young people taking part in a workshop run by Stomp, a theatrical troupe that makes music from dustlin lids. Soon, Norman hopes, it will be filled with young people not only making music but also producing videos and films, learning multimedia skills, designing clothes and using recording stu-dios — a purpose-designed training centre for 13 to 20-year-olds. It

man stoops towards the anthropic scheme, but Norman has that rare ability to make ambitious schemes work. Throughout his life he has embarked on risky ventures and daring adventures, driven by the personal motto "if in doubt, do it". The New Yorker magazine described him as "the last buccaneer", and despite his languorous manner, there is more than a touch of derring do about him.

> tage planes that others deemed too dangerous. He founded a £100 million toy company, opening a factory in a recession. And now he has bought the Roundhouse, an historic building left alone by more circumspect individuals. Constructed by Robert Stephenson as an engine maintenance slied, the Roundhouse was a legendary venue of the Sixties and Seventies. Yet for the past 20 years it has been more or less neglected, gathering grime on the Chalk Farm Road. Norman's motivation is not so much to save the building as the young people who live in its environs.

any emotional feeling in this sort of way," he admits. "But I've felt that throughout my life young people have got a worse and worse deal." In marketing focus groups, he noticed that it was "the gritty little sods who weren't especially clever who had lots of the best ideas", and became determined to help them to get on in life. Rich; but not that rich, he has pledged a £6.2 million trust fund to the centre. To realise the Havilland DH85 Leopard Moth

amounts to a hugely ambitious phil-He has rescued and flown vin-

funding will come through. "You've got to believe," he says. But there is no guarantee that the Lottery Commission and Arts Council will say yes. If they don't, "I can't tell you what we'll do", he adds. The project is not however, a black hole for cash. The renovation has been conceived with commercial as well as charitable uses in "I never thought I'd be driven by mind. An extra level will be inserted below a glass roof, and art exhibitions, product launches and jazz events will take place there. There are even hopes for a Roundhouse

> converted into a series of studios. Meanwhile, Norman is seeking sponsorship for his latest epic flight. In July he will pilot a Thirties de

record label. The undercroft, with

its network of brick walls radiating

from the centre like spokes, is to be

dream, £10 million is needed from

other sources. Norman believes the

from England to the American airbase of Oshkosh. It is likely to be a hazardous trip, but Norman is driven by an obsession rooted in his childhood. His father was Sir Henry Nigel St Valery Norman, a talented architect and courageous aviator, who built London's first airport. then started up the airborne services during the Second World War with Lieutenant-General Frederick (Boy) Browning. Sir Nigel died in 1943, on a flight to North Africa. Torquil. 10, had not seen his father been evacuated to America.

The flying bug had already entered Norman's soul. When he was a child his father built "a little pedal car in the shape of an aeroplane. On the side it said, GWAWP. It meant 'God Willing And Weather Permitting'." He and his brothers befriended a test pilot at the local airbase who would take them up.

He was educated at Eton, where wife, Anne Montagu, who was parhe became Head of Boats, and President of Pop, the elite group of boys who "ran" the school. He joined the Fleet Air Arm as a naval pilot. Despite being three inches over the height limitation, he managed to deceive the petty officer who measured him by bending his knees inside his bell-bonoms.

Torquil Norman, the entrepreneur who has pledged a £6.2 million trust fund to turn Camden's Roundhouse into a purpose-designed training centre for 13 to 20-year-olds

After National Service he followed his father and brothers into 601 Squadron and flew Meteors. "My legs were three inches too long - if I'd had to use the ejector seat, it would have knocked my legs off."

As for the motivation for these activities, "I'm sure everything was to do with my father", he says. He actively sought to be sent to Korea, but the war ended three weeks before he set out. His mother persuaded him to go to Cambridge instead. Afterwards he took a banking job in New York and met his achuting at the same airbase. Despite this hearty activity, she is an artist who trained at the Slade alongside Lucian Freud. Norman left banking and went

into industry, but in 1979 he was ousted from the board of Berwick Timpo the toy company he had turned round. At 46 he was unemployed with five children. While lying in the bath one day he came up with the idea for The Big Yellow Teapot, a plastic playhouse with a lid that turned. Unable to bear the idea of someone else developing his idea, he started Bluebird Toys. The company went public in 1985 and

he retired in the early Nineties. He says, half jokingly, that he started the charitable trust because of his wife's profligacy, "My wife used to give my overdraft to good causes faster than I could keep up with it." He divided up everything

he had, directing a proportion of it to a charitable trust. When he made his fortune, so did the trust.

Norman is not one of those people who thinks that all youngsters would benefit from leaping out of aircraft simply because he did. The spirit of adventure "has something to do with how your genes are got together", he suggests, "But I do know one thing about young people, which is that they have an infinite capacity for ideas. They should all have the chance to show commitment. The thing that gets you out of a lot of holes, it seems to me, is enthusiasm and the willingness to stick at things.

"You simply can't say that they aren't totally redeemable."

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### 'I am just lucky to have something I love doing'

arguing with a produc-er. Other production staff are poring over sched-ules. As he waits for the day's celebrity visitor, a nervous presenter is trying out his ques-tions. It is just like a real TV studio, in fact - except that all the workers are teenagers or

younger. Children as young as eight scurry up and down the stairs of a former car salesroom in West London, purposeful and motivated as they absorb the basics of TV production.

Somewhere in the bustle a slim blonde with a slightly distracted air can be seen waiting about on an endless round of problem-solving. This is Sab-rina Guinness, first known as

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he cameraman is a society beauty, later a Holly-arguing with a produc-wood film-maker, and, for the past five years, the founder and director of Youth Cable Television (YCTV). "Every day is different,"

says Guinness. "It's exciting. Young people today should be given a voice; they seem to be the focus of so much attention, from the public and from politicians, but are we listening enough to them? For those aged from 18 down to 11, and for "Kids" Club"

members from 8 to 12. Guinness's training project has proved a godsend. Most of the 300 children on the books are from three tough estates around Ladbroke Grove, North Kensington, a tran-sitional district where ex-tremes of wealth cross over with extremes of deprivation, where tower blocks and prefab housing intersect with genteel Georgian stucco, and where crime, drugs and unemployment are among the possible

fates awaiting young people.
"My family like it that I come here," says 18-year-old Kae Iden, who is between two college courses and has become one of the project's star. scriptwriters. "They see I'm doing something good, not like, you know, I'm out there in the streets trying to rob people." He laughs self-deprecatingly.

Guinness, 43, is trying to arrange funding for one of Kae's scripts, a "Trainspotter-ised" version of Oliver Twist, to make it into a feature film. Twe seen the positive changes in these young people." she says. "That's what I love most - the positive outcome."

The idea for the project grew out of Guinness's enthusiasm for work she had done in her Los Angeles days, encouraging youths from urban gangs who had fought each other in riots in 1992 - to perform

together and make friends. The English equivalent that Guinness set up, however, was not based on performance training but on encouraging her new charges to gain techni-



cal skills in making TV. Using her well-stocked contacts book, Guinness raised enough funding to start training local children in 1994. Their carsalesroom home was converted into a TV studio in three days. The first programmes went on air in 1995 on a local cable channel, Cable & Wireless 60.

Philanthropy is an unorthodox career path for a woman who once dated the Prince of Wales and seemed destined for an heiress's lifestyle. Guinness is dismissive of questions about her past, as she is about the interpretation sometimes put on her work - that she is a latterday Lady Bountiful dispensing charity to the poor.

"Prince Charles was 20 years ago: it's not relevant," she says calmly. "The fact that I then worked in the film business was incredibly useful: } got to know how it works and I got to know some of the penple, so that couldn't be better.
."As far as Lady Bountiful gnes, i just consider myself lucky to have found something I love doing. I love the creative process of film-making and I love children, and I've managed to put the two together. It's good to get up in the morn-

ing and want to go to work.
"If your name is Guinness, you're branded. That can irrirate me, because it stems from not looking into what I'm doing here. But I've accepted it." Four years on, the studio is putting together three half-

hour slots a day, with chat

shows, music and movie pro-

grammes, interviews and pieces made by the Kids' Club. "What is attractive about it is that Sabrina brings her own juice to it," says Tulip Tuitt. YCTV's new executive producer. "She knows a lot of people. She provides us with many short cuts. Plus, we have charitable status. That, and the young people who are so interested in TV, is an exciting combination." One of the lures for local kids is the star-studded guest list. Harrison Ford, Mel C and Chris Smith are among those interviewed at YCTV.

🔰 hildren who have been sidelined academically fresh start here, learning such techniques as film editing or animation. "We had one person who was excluded from school when he was 14 and was in here for the next three years. Now he's a good editor," says Tuitt. YTCV, which offers chil-

dren a free induction course and then lets them specialise in the area of TV for which they have the most talent, is more than a social safety valve. It equips them with confidence and exposure to TV culture, which will help them into jobs, in the

media. A dozen or so members have moved on to college or jobs in the TV industry. "We hope that in the future we will be able to put more people into jobs, but TV is very whitedominated, very Oxbridge-dominated, says Tuitt.

However, YCTV is not the only project bringing the media to the youth of North Kensington. The area, which is near Notting Hill, the media elite's home of choice in West London, is the easy-access target for magnates with big hearts. Also operating near by are the North Kensington Video and Drama Project and Massive Videos, and several youth clubs with film and photography equipment.

'in a way, kids around here are spoilt for choice. They re calm, almost blase, about celebrities," says Leah Drane, 25, YCTV's welfare officer. To give access to the facilities to teenagers in less well-supplied districts, she has spent time broadening the catchment areas. Many of the members come from East and South London or farther afield. "Having lots of people from

the media, who can help, living in the borough is a big advantage," says Guinness. "The young people who come here in term-time are mostly local. But in the holidays we get people from all over England."

As its technical expertise grows. YCTV makes its own programmes and works on commissions for TV companies. BBC Choice. Carlton Digital and Disney are talking to Guinness. Sky recently put up funding for Tuitt's job. Raising the £300,000 a year

needed to keep the studio going has been Guinness's biggest worry; but now, she says, TV companies are starting to recognise the value of a new source of ideas and workers.

"It's good now that TV companies are beginning to support us. It feels like we're growing up," she says.

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were more lovely versions of the Baguette and the Croissant, and for those who Christian cannot cram their belongings into either of these, there is a chunky new knitted Arran, ideal for those country walks.

It really is a case of Bag Wars. Not since 18th-century

courtiers placed their fake beauty spots according to their political allegiances has so much significance rested on something so insubstantial. But this season's bag is, with-out doubt, Gucci's Jacqueline - the ubiquitous squashy shoulder sack - which will not have gone unnoticed by Bernard Arnault, the head of LMVH, who is trying to increase his shares in Gucci and

portfolio, comprising Céline, Dior, Loewe, Louis Vuitton, Lacroix

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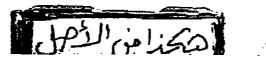
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#### **MILAN FASHION WEEK**

## Sweeties, ditch those shoes









Ugly shoes are at the heart of winter's kitsch and country look. Photographs by Simon Walker

verywhere you looked in to shooting them-Milan last week there selves in the foot. was an example of monstrous footwear clomping down the catwalk. At Prada they came with splayed toes and heels in bilious shades of orange or slimegreen leather that had been tooled to look like plastic (and, boy, are we over that little trick). At Jil Sander, they were turquoise or olive plasticleather: Armani grafted techno-rubber soles on to patent brogues; SportMax revived the stacked heel and Dolce e Gabbana came up with mean-coloured python boots with mirrored cuboid heels so that a girl can put her make up on anytime, any place - very droll, until you looked at the flared toes. What

is wrong with everyone?
Ugly sootwear is fine at highstreet level, but at £200 a throw, it's a tedious little piece of perversity. The lastitime Prada produced a major shoelabomination it didn't exactly fly out the stores.

Customers may have become in-ured to the aesthetic fallout of the trainer influence, but it was interesting to see the Miu Miu store, normally packed to the gunwhales with fashion types eager to divest their walless of bulky lize, strangely empty. There ever bulky fire Prada cannot convince people that a linerescent rubber clad is desirable. Given that so many companies rely

You know there's trouble ahead when a designer as shrewd as Torn Ford admits: We're on the edge of fashion as we know it being really out of fashion. Most wom-

en I know -- and this is a horrible thing to say as a designer - do noi rear current clothing. Pashion has become so hyped .... which we're partly to blame for." Sweeties, dirch those shoes.

Alas, they are at the heart of one of Milan's key looks for next winter, echoing those tricky late Sixties/ early Seve :::s colours - mustard. orange, cowpat-brown and moss green — that defaced the catwalks, as well as the techno look pioneered by Helmut Lang. This urban-sport idea seemed refreshing at the time, but after six days of nylon, khaki, extraneous zips, important-looking flaps and balaclava hoods, its

charms are beginning to pall. At Jil Sander's uncharacteristically unfocused show, wonderfully clever fabric techniques abounded - elastic rayon over silk fleece, gab-ardine coated with foam rubber. conton glazed with chintz, stiff-looking felt coats - but much of it

looked like those depressing nylons that used to come from the Eastern bloc. The beautiful, tactile pieces she is known for were back in the showroom. This widespread urge to make dour clothes is curious.

Still, if Strenesse, Armani, Jil Sander and bits of Prada all got stuck in ersatz functionalism, others took the opposite approach and this is where national differences are charmingly illustrated.

In Britain a rural outlit translates into a decomposing jumper, a sagging pair of trousers with — if you're lucky— faint traces of corduroy and silage-caked wellies. In Italy, a rural outfit is a fringed leather coat fined with pashmina (Marni), a 28-ply cashmere loose-weave, funnel-necked sweater (MaxMara), some painstakingly aged flat leather boots (Tod's), a rosebud print top (SportMax), worn with a long, flared blanket skirt trimmed with

ric-rac and bound with animal-print ponyskin (Alberta Ferretti).

If MaxMara's rurai idyll was conventional and comfortable, with long, gathered, tartan mohair skirts, duffel coats, detachable sheepskin linings and shaggy trims. Sport-Max was more than a little deriva-

tive of Marni in the way it mixed rosebuds with tweeds. In fact, all week there was evidence that Marni is starting to make its influence felt. The problem is that Milanese quirkiness is

often just a little too perfect. Alberta Ferretti's rustica, meanwhile, was seductively pretty, apart from her enthusiastic use of a rather difficult brown. Embroidered sheenskins were combed to look like Afghan coats; hems were bonded rather than seamed; dresses were tied with ribbons and Native American beading decorated Wedg-

wood blue or camel felts. Dolce e Gabbana recreated a "typical" Sicilian village that, needless to say, bore no resemblance to real life, unless there is a corner of Sicily where 6ft peasants troll around in neon-beaded, plastic

raincoats or yellow mink microskirts. There were some beautiful embroidered chiffon capri pants and jackets but also more than a little kitsch: designing a show to be photogenic is smart, omitting to include a single outfit that could be worn outside a Neapolitan nightclub might not be.

Inevitably, Prada turned the most thought-provoking spin on country life, playing off decorative rural touches against technical functionalism. Khaki chiffon skirts, appliquéed with oak leaves and scored through with zips, were worn with leggings and mesh corsets that were more urban-combat than Dangerous Liaisons. Miuccia Prada said that she was inspired by

the English countryside. There was a third way between The Archers and Bladerunner. No one does trashy in a classier way than Tom Ford. Gucci's paean to LA rock-chick style featured skintight bell-bottoms, tiny, fitted leather tunics and jackets embellished with leather rosettes and trumpetshaped sleeves. Ruched velvet pencil skirts and vertiginous, silverspangled shoes marched down the

catwalk with an Eighties swagger. Yes, you had to be skinny to wear 99 per cent of it. And tall. But at least you felt it would be worth the effort. Ford declared it a backlash against utility. "All those backbacks, sneakers and utility - throw all that crap out." Amen.



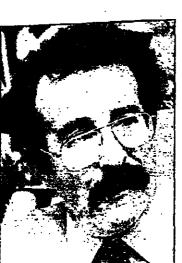
into hideous shoes comes very close mud, moss; leggings; duffel coats; fur linings; make-up: natural with emphasis on the eyes; hair artifully undone

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Heights

# Yale reopens its key Anglo file

aul Mellon's recent death robbed us of an outstanding benefac-tor, whose enthusiasm for British art transformed its representation in his native America. But Mellon's legacy is set to endure. above all in the great museum he founded and endowed at Yale University. The Yale Centre for British Art, housed in a luminous building designed by Louis Kahn, contains the finest historical collection of British painting to be found

anywhere outside the UK. Sadly, Kahn's building was closed all last year. The roof needed urgent attention; and while its 50 domes were being refitted, the galleries were supplied with new backing wallboards, linen and carpets. Now it has reopened, with an interior as pristine as it was when inaugurated in 1977.

Kahn's architecture, dominated by concrete, steel and glass on the austere façade, becomes far richer within. The Entrance Court, surging up through the full height of the building so that it benefits from the glazed domes' toplighting, offers a spectacular welcome. Not that Kahn relinquishes his Corbusian love of concrete inside. It remains visible wherever you look, and takes on an awesome authori-

ty in the cylindrical staircase. With considerable daring, Kahn exposed the outside of this great drum to anyone gazing down from above. It looks like minimal sculpture at its most uncompromising, above all when viewed from the well of the Library Court. But the wood in panelling and floor. as well as a magnificent rug spread between the sofas, off-

set any threat of gloom. Moreover, the walls of the brary Court have been re-

**VISUAL ART:** The great benefactor Paul Mellon would have loved his beautifully refurbished Yale Centre for British Art, says Richard Cork

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ed in a headlong canvas of

Although the centre's collec-

tion does not extend very far

into the present century, its

ebullient director, Patrick Mc-

Caughey, has ensured that the

reopening is marked by three

stimulating shows devoted to

pre-eminent modern artists.

The Entrance Court is filled

with carvings and

bronzes by Henry

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Woman, loaned

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ton stone in 1930,

is among the most

satisfying of all his

attempts to fuse female and

But most of Moore's exhib-

its are post-1945, when he be-

gan to favour bronze and em-

barked on a sequence of fami-

ly groups. Inspired perhaps by

the birth of Moore's own child,

they look like an attempt to af-

firm optimism after the Holo-

caust. After a time, though, dis-

quiet breaks out. In a small

Mother and Child from Wash-

ington, the offspring seems

bent on biting the proffered

maternal breast. And two

large Warrior figures, among

landscape forms.

roic" figure. Some

Hadleigh Castle.

hung to dramatic effect. Now the cream of the paintings by George Stubbs, an abiding fa-vourite of Mellon, are displayed around the room. Previously, the two largest and most provocative Stubbs canvases. Horse Attacked by a Lion and Lion Attacking a Stag, were hung far above visi-tors' heads. Now they confront us at eve level.

The main sweep of the collection. though, can be found on the fourth floor. Rearranged in a series of themes, it tells a broadly chronological story of British painting from Tudor times to the early 20th century. Mellon bought

Gainsborough at an early, captivat-ing stage, when the young artist lived in Suffolk and painted the

Gravenor family at ease on the edge of a sunlit cornfield. The outcome is the quintessence of freshness, bathing the Ipswich apothecary with his wife and delectable daughters in a luminosity Gainsborough would never surpass.

Mellon did not stint when he had the chance to acquire masterpieces by celebrated artists. Nothing could be more vibrant than Turner's large, immaculately preserved panorama of Dordrecht, while Constable is seen at his most agitatMoore's few attempts to explore the male form, show brutally severed victims scarcely capable of holding shields to protect themselves from further assault.

In this respect, they are surprisingly close to the emotions generated by another show upstairs: a Francis Bacon retrospective. The range of Bacon's art is here, from a phantomlike Crucifixion painted in 1933 to a mysterious, impulsive Jet of Water painted a few years before his death. The Yale survey does compelling justice to the flowering of the artist's vision, displayed in intimate spaces that intensify the theatricality of Bacon's art.

nother painter who came to maturity after the war. Lucian Freud, is scrutinised in the third show. It concentrates on his etchings alone, lent by the PaineWebber Art Collection. They provide a remarkably absorbing insight into Freud's achievement. even though he abandoned etching for three decades after an initial involvement with the medium during the 1940s.

tion of interest in 1982, the survey charts Freud's probing, alert scrutiny of heads and bodies alike. Most of them close on the sitter, fascinated above all by the human face's capacity to disclose individuals at their most stoical, contemplative and solitary. Freud's mastery increases as the exhibition proceeds, and his latest prints arrive at a magisterial command of a medium he was born to explore.

Starting with his resump-

 Racon Freud and Moore at the Yale Centre for British Art (001-203 432 2800), 1080 Chapel St. New Haven, Connecticut, until





Modern masters: (left) Lucian Freud's Lord Goodman in his Yellow Pyjamas (1987); Henry Moore's Reclining Woman (1930),



The full range of Francis Bacon's work is on show at Yale University in Connecticut, including Untitled (1943 or 1944)

Gluck runs out in the gloom

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#### CONCERT

scherzando and on into the

drumming bass of the Allegro.

A SUCCESSION of standing ovations at the Festival Hall failed, thank goodness, to squeeze any encores out of the pianist Maurizio Pollini at the end of a recital of late Peethoven Bagatelles and Variations. The unhysterical warmth of that applause recognised the consummatory stature of Pollini's performance of the Diabelli Variations.

ORPHEUS may have to cross

the River Styx and go through Hades to find his beloved

Eurydice, but that is no good

reason for filling Gluck's Or-

pheus and Eurydice with Sty-

gian gloom. Martha Clarke, the American choreographer

who has returned to the Colise-

um to direct her unlovely 1997

production, seems more intent

than ever on putting massive

obstacles between Gluck's score and the audience. She

shunts the admirable ENO

chorus off to the side-stage box-

es so that they do not get in the

She then allows her design-

er, John Conklin, to strew the

stage with jagged boulders,

way of her dancers.

Pollini announced the theme with frisky mischief, soon transmuted into a tongue-in-cheek, toy-soldier march. By the third variation Beethoven's and Pollini's intellects were busy tying musical knots which were as speedily unravelled in the playful rhythms of the fourth and the one-man-band flamboyance of

After the pianistic strobelighting of the tenth variation's rapid octaves, it was time for transformation. From

**OPERA** 

presenting problems for the ballet corps of eight in the Dance of the Blessed Spirits. The new Orpheus, the Polish counter-tenor Artur Stefanowicz, literally has to sturnble his way through the murk. His voice is clean and even, although it tends to lose power in the lower register. His English is less good and does scant justice to Anne Ridler's crisp

translation. But Che faro was sung with deep feeling, very slowly, and tenderly supported by the Baroque expert, Roy Goodman, in his house debut. Margaret Richardson was

much clearer as Eurydice, as her soprano flowed easily through bafflement at Orpheus's behaviour to outright anguish. Mary Nelson's Amor would have more impact had the costume designer. Jane Greenwood, given her some-thing half decent to wear. Grungy, outsize black over-coats were the order of the day. Even here Martha Clarke

miscalculates. After entombing Gluck be-tween the dry ice of Hades and one of Greece's rockier places, she suddenly decides to have a frolic. The dancers toss a skeleton high into the air with the help of a sheet, like medical

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perfect expressive proportion.

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#### times tempted him to keep just too tight a grip on the music. a new beginning, the energy Pollini so skilfully built in long stretches of quiet tension was But in the last great Op 126 Pol-lini's grasp of the cumulative power of their alternating moods fused in a final envoi of carried over into the Presto

This created a sense of continuing metamorphosis as well as mere variation. With the four isolated opening notes of Variation 20, Pollini scented out the way forward for the last 13 variations. The naughty Don Giovanni variation became a springboard for outrageous virtuosity before Pollini's last five variations created a true sense of the visionary as the theme made a final return, humbled,

chastened and transfigured. Earlier in the evening, Pollini had drawn in his audience in the two sets of Bagatelles. In the earlier Op 119 his obvious Quality health insurance

HILARY FINCH

## Halfway up the heights

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haunting love sto-ries in the lanhome ground (or near enough) by a theatre at the top of its game: I had high hopes for this production. But Emily Bronte's masterpiece, with its multiple narrators and its rough-liewn emotions rooted in the rough-hewn landscape of the Yorkshire Moors, is notoriously resistant to the over-tures of lesser talents. So it proves with Malcolm Sutherand's new adaptation, which he also directs, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse.

Marine March Stage .

The biggest problem is the script. It simply tries to do too much, and ends up as little more than a drawn-out synop-



sis. Many an earlier version, including the Olivier-Leigh film, made do with the first half of the novel, throwing in the towel after Cathy's death. Sutherland bravely ploughs on to the end. He sensibly rearranges events in chronological order, but even so the innumerable short scenes are abruptly truncated.

Which means that few of the characters are given enough breath to establish themselves. let alone their relationships with each other. Heathcliff and Cathy are treated no better than the rest. Sutherland whips through their childhood in a couple of minutes. You have to take their growing attraction on trust from the narrator, the servant Nelly Dean, who has unwisely been retained. Nelly is the linchpin of the novel - her matter-of-fact narration makes the wild passions she describes at once more believable and more extraordinary. But though she is capably played by Jacqueline King, having her on stage throughout dilutes the drama. Unfortunately, too, while newcomer Elisabeth Dermot-



Rough stuff: Chook Sibtain as Heathcliff and Elisabeth Dermot-Walsh as Cathy in Malcolm Sutherland's half-hearted Wuthering Heights

Walsh makes an appealing Cathy, Chook Sibtain's clumsy performance captures none of Heathcliff's diabolical charm. Where he should be seething he acts petulant,

where brooding, vacant. Much more characterful are Cathy Sara as Catherine, the sweet-natured daughter of Cathy and Edgar, and Ed Purver as the lily-livered Linton, son of Heathcliff and Isabella. Sutherland slows the pace down towards the end, and their scenes together are sharp-

py sister Isabella, but elsewhere the acting and directing are mostly leaden.

The ingenious set, by Robin Don, is likewise ambitious but flawed. Several levels of two houses - the Heights and Edgar's Grange — pivot in and out on either side of the

stage. This pushes much of the action into the corners, though it also deverly allows several scenes to go on in tandem. The rest is bare but for some gauge screens, on to which are projected images of rocks, flowers and scudding clouds - not to

the womb. Echoing the novel's multiple layers and conflation of symbolism and realism is an admirable intention, but the literalism is deadening. and like much else it ends up seeming merely half-hearted.

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("if we do good it will help us

live down our past as Puri-

tans"), and the visual imagina-

tion seldom amounts to more

than signalling the plague with scuttling figures holding

kerchiefs to their mouths and

wailing "God have mercy". Yet it is hard to resist

Wilton's Pepys, with his ear-

nest patriotism, bad eyes and

lousy hair, his forlorn at-

tempts to cling on to his integri-

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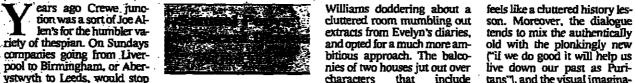
### A cluttered history lesson



Sophie Walker as Pepys's wife Elizabeth and Nick Wilton as the great diarist in the Good Company production

L len's for the humbler varicty of thespian. On Sundays companies going from Liverpool to Birmingham, or Aberystwyth to Leeds, would stop there for a change of trains, a chat, maybe a fishnaste sandwich. Most troupes these days are tiny tribes buzzing about in vans; but a few still make the traditional tour of the larger regional theatres, presenting worthy plays on slim budgets and seldom if ever ending in the West End. A prime example would, I suppose, be Good Company, which has spent a decade criss-crossing the country with the likes of Fenella Fielding, Jonathan Cecil and Miriam Karlin in work varying from Pride and Prejudice to Sue Townsend's

Ear, Nose and Throat. This week Good Company is ensconced in Crewe itself,



justifying and not quite justifying its defiantly downright name with Dennis Saunders's informative but clunky dramatisation of Pepys's life during the phase, 1660 to 1669, when he wrote his Diaries. I could have waited to see the show until it hit Guildford. Camerbury or Brighton, but an interest in the subject and an admiration for the underrated Edward de Souza, who sounds more like a bravura trumpet solo than any actor living, drew me to the Wimbledon Theatre last

Saunders and his director. Sue Pomeroy, have rejected the simplicity that gave us Roy Dotrice and (recently) Michael

cluttered room mumbling out extracts from Evelyn's diaries, and opted for a much more ambitious approach. The balconies of two houses jut out over characters that Charles II, royal mistresses from Lady Castlemaine to a briefly glimpsed Nell Gwyn. and politicians galore. De Souza gives his vocal all to the task of evoking a profit-obsessed City banker, but, like everyone bar Nick Wilton's wonderfully flummoxed if uncharismatic Pepys, does not

have a very rounded role. A major problem is the political complexity of a decade which began in a spirit of post-Puritan relief and, after plague, the Great Fire, wars with the Dutch, lechery at court and financial corruption everywhere, ended with men yearning for another Crom-

or Casanova transformed into the school swot; and you have a most appealing performance. well. The evening sometimes

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

### All in the songs

The Trash Can Sinatras belong to an estimable tradition of literate Scottish pop bands who meld metaphors and melodies to quite brilliant effect. Orange Juice and Aztec Camera would be their most obvious predecessors but the Kilmarnockbased group have never enjoyed the same level of com-mercial success.

Rather they have skulked around on the fringes of cultdom, retaining a small but fiercely loyal and quite fanatical following over the course of the past ten years. Despite having kept a public profile only marginally lower than Salman Rushdie's for the past three years and, at time of writing, no record deal to help to relaunch their career, the Trash Can Sinatras managed to draw a more than healthy crowd to Dublin's Mean Fiddler on Friday. I spoke to one fan who had travelled all the way from Chicago especially for the gig.

just completed a brief but successful tour of Japan and it seems the tide may be turning their way as there is talk of an imminent recording contract. Indeed, it takes confidence to begin a show with new, unfamiliar material but that's what Frank Reader and his chums did. In truth, it was a pretty subdued, low-key start but nevertheless there were some beautiful flourishes courtesy of Paul Livingston and John Douglas's twin chiming guitars and Reader's mournful vocals, the tone and phrasing of which carries ever more distinct echoes of Morrissey's.

Indeed, at times the Trash Can Sinatras sounded as if they were playing lost out-takes from the Smiths' first album - an impression reinforced by the presence of a Hammond organ. I, for one, was not complaining.

Moreover, a cursory scan of the venue reveals a constituency of bespectacled, seriousminded, single blokes who, one suspects, once had Morrissey posters tacked to their walls. They greet the melodic nous and discreet charm of the likes of Hayfever. The Hairy with open hearts as well and new songs, like Duty Free,

with open minds. If there is a fault it is in the presentation: there is precious little visual stimulation at work here. At worst, the sixpiece unit that is the Trash Can Sinatras live experience has the stage presence of a drum monitor.

But what they lack in theatrical dynamics they make up for in their handling of the basics. ie, the songs. I've Seen Everything - the title track of their second album - is an irresistible blast of perfect guitar pop

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Who are you kidding, Mr Blair?

It is time to face economic reality

in Europe, says Peter Shore

7 hat Britain and the Government need is not the launch of an pre-referendum campaign on the euro, disguised as a purely technical and preparatory National Changeover Plan, but a total rethink of our whole position on Europe and the euro. To start with, the Prime

Minister must face the fact that, like so many of his predecessors, he has failed to recognise - or blinded himself to - the central reality of European politics: namely, that the persistent, powerful and now dominant intent of a clear majority of the EU's member states is to establish a close political union, leading as rapidly as possible to a fully integrated European

This purpose has been clear to anyone who has followed events in Europe since the negotiation of the Maastricht treaty in the late 1980s. In the run-up to the launch of the euro on January I, more and more European political leaders have stated in public, loud and clear, that this is their

More, the whole political enterprise has been given an additional very powerful and public thrust by the new German Government in the statements of Chancellor Schrö der, Oskar Lafontaine, the

Finance Minister. Joschka Fischer, the Foreign Minis-He is ter, and the Minister for Europe. facing a Günther Verheugen: and not one of the euroland 11 has situation attempted to contradict them. These very like facts by themselves require a major British rethink. that of Shortly before the 1997 general Major

his European policy in two dear sentences: "New Labour will have no truck with a European superstate" and "If there are those in Europe who wa a federal superstate, we would

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election.

Blair summed up

Assuming that he still holds to that position - and even allowing for a large element of fudge and self-deception, as when he and the Chancellor. Gordon Brown, persuaded themselves in November 1997 that the single currency didn't raise important political or constitutional matters, only questions of economic advantage or disadvantage - intellectual honesty simply will not allow him the pretence any longer that there is not a fundamental and unbridgeable gap between the basic aims of the United Kingdom and those of our European partners. They do want a federal state - super or not as could not have been proclaimed more clearly than in Joschka Fischer's address to the Strasbourg Parliament on January 16. There is scarcely a political leader in Europe who does not see and welcome the euro as a giant step towards that overtly political end. Do we, Mr Prime Minister, still

"refuse to go along"? Scarcely less importantly. the Prime Minister, and most certainly the Chancellor, must rethink Britain's basic macroeconomic stance inside the European Union. Even before the 1997 general election, and on almost every opportunity since, the Chancellor has gone out of his way - and the Prime Minister has unhappily indicated his agreement - to endorse the most monetarist and deflationary provisions of

So we have heard the endless celebration of "golden rules" of budgetary finance; the eulogies paid to prudence, particularly the prudence embodied in the treaty's restrictions on government borrowing, backed up by the heavy financial penalties and fines of the Stability Pact. And, if that wasn't enough, we have had the Chancellor's surrender of control over interest rate policy - and exchange rate policy as well - and his enthusiastic endorsement of the European Central Bank, with its total independence from any political control and a commitment to price stability which overrides any concerns about employment and economic ex-

Under the Germany of Chancellor Kohl, the ECB's restrictive, deflationary monetarist doctrines were written into the Maastricht treaty. Now, after electoral changes across Europe as well as in Germany itself, there is a new regime under Chancellor Shrö -der committed above all to economic expansion and to a reduction of unemployment.

In the present conditions of economic near-recession in the eurozone's core countries, this means cuts in interest rates: it also means increases in public expenditure and borrowing, and possibly cuts in taxation as well. Such policies are in contradiction to the treaty. Hence, the clash between German ministers and Wim Duisenberg, President of the Eu-

Central

Bank and Mario Monti, the European tax commissioner. So, whom and what do Mr support? Are they still the sturdy upholders of rectitude and the unchanged Maastricht treaty, or do they stand with the European majority and their Social Democrat allies in seeking a totally different policy direction? At Milan last week, with his renewed emphasis on the need for flexibility in labour mar-kets — and his contrasting of American economic success with European failure - the Prime Minister seemed to be opting clearly for the latter.

f so, Mr Blair is going to find himself — and this is quite apart from euroland's renewed drive for indirect tax harmonisation. its assault upon "unfair tax competition" and Britain's "unfair" budget rebate - in a position very similar to that faced by John Major a few years ago: that is, the isolation of Britain within the European Union. This is the very situation that in the past Mr Blair swore to avoid and for which he attributed blame solely to Tory incompetence and division. Reality at last?

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## An Englishman abroad

trust a Labour Government to stand up for the interests of Britain? I think a large number of people would still say "a lot". That is one of the bigger differences between Tony Blair's administration and John Major's. After Britain was forced out of the European exchange system in 1993, most people lost faith in the ability of the Conservatives to stand up for Britain's interests; the biggest task for Wil-liam Hague's Opposition is to recover that confidence. Nobody doubted that Margaret Thatcher would stand up for British interests, however much they disliked particular aspects of her Government. That was why she won general elections

of 1979, 1983 and 1987, a record run. This is what makes the answer to the same question in Scotland so damaging for Labour. "How much would you trust a Scottish Labour Government to stand up for the interests of Scotland?" That was one of the questions in last week's poll in "a lot". Thirty-three per cent said "a little": 23 per cent would distrust it "a little", and another 23 per cent would distrust it "a lot". It is the 15 per cent that matters. The campaign for the Scottish parliament is about standing up for Scotland. It is not about independence, at any rate not vet. It is about the representation of Scottish interests inside the United Kingdom; 85 per cent of Scottish voters lack full confidence in Labour

as Scotland's advocate. No one, I think, doubts that the Scottish Nationalists would stand up for Scotland. There are many fears about the dangers of Nationalist policy. Many Scottish voters do accept Labour arguments that the SNP would damage Scottish interests by pursuing them too divisively. Alex Salmond's reassurances about a "friendly divorce" are intended to counter these arguments. Yet on the central question, whether the SNP would be a tough advocate of Scottish interest, a general answer

is "if anything, too tough". The other poll findings have some good and some bad news for Labour. Voting intentions could be worse. Labour has moved to a ten-point lead over the SNP; about a quarter of respondents prefer the Conservatives or the Liberal Democrats, and a quarter of all voters are still undecided. If this poll proves correct - the Scottish election is not until May 6 - The Scotsman calculates that Labour would win 59 seats. six short of a majority, the The poll figures may look better, but

Blair is widely resented in Scotland

SNP 42. Conservatives 15, and Liberal Democrats 13. So far, so good for Labour. The problem will be turnout. Can the Scottish Labour Party gets its voters to the polls? Recent English local government by-elections show how serious this problem could be, though the first elections to a Scottish parliament will be much more exciting than any local govern-ment by-election. In these English by-elections, the Labour Party has been performing about 10 per cent below its opinion poll ratings. The Conservatives, in the South and

Midlands, and the Liberal Democrats. in the North, have performing about 10 per cent above theirs. Nationwide opinion er Labour landslide at a general elec-tion; local government results sug-gest a hung Parlia-

Apathy is Labour's enemy in Scotland. The answers to some other poll questions show how little enthusiasm there is among

Scottish Labour voters. Forty-one per cent of Labour voters, and 53 per cent of all voters, think that a Labour victory will not make much difference to Scotland. There is a groundswell of anti-English and anti-Blair feeling. Fifty-one per cent, even of Labour voters, think that Tony Blair should keep out of the Scottish election. He is seen as an Englishman, running an English Government. That sounds more like support for independence than for continued devolution inside the

United Kingdom. From the Scottish point of view. Mr Blair is believed to have opted for devolution in form but for what Diane Abbott called "command and control" in practice. Some problems are coming up already. The SDA Act retained broadcasting as a Westminster responsibility. The BBC, which has been fighting Scottish broadcasting autonomy for the past quarter century, has responded with two wrong-headed decisions. BBC Scotland wants to run the news from six o'clock to seven in the evening as a Scottish operation, covering news from a Scottish point of view. The BBC governors have refused to allow this. Scotland will continue to get News at Six from London. The governors have also decided not to provide live coverage of the new Scottish parliament - a provocative

It is not only the BBC which is refusing to make even the mildest concessions. Deals are being worked out in Whitehall to define the boundaries of power between London and Edin-

burgh. An early decision which has angered Scotland is that the Treasury, of all departments, is to be given power to parliament's spending on inward inopposed by the Libwell as by the SNP. It is resented by the Labour Left in Scotland. There are

many more such decisions to come. The voting intentherefore, look better for Labour than the attitudes or policy issues.

Yet most people, even in Scotland, assume there will be a coalition between Labour and the Liberal Democrats to govern Scotland. It remains a possibility but it will not be that easy. The Liberal Democrats have their own agenda: they will not come into a coalition without a bargaining process. If Labour does less well than is now expected, the Lib Dems will be reluctant to share Labour's declining popularity.

There is also the Labour Left to

reckon with. Donald Dewar could form a coalition with the Liberal Democrats only if he reached agreed terms with his own left wing. He knows that. In Blairite London. the Left has been excluded from high office, save for one or two token trusties. In Edinburgh, John McAl-lion, the Labour MP for Dundee East, has been made one of 20 campaign spokesmen. To quote Ian Bell in The Scotsman, McAllion "is

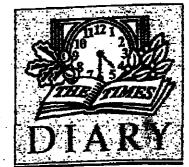
of his ability to offer an alternative to Blairism . . . by placing the interests of the Scottish people, as he understands them, above any other loyalty, he is charting a course owards maximum autonomy for Labour in Scotland. So he comes within an inch of saying that the Scottish party should not in principle be opposed to Scottish independ-

How has Mr Blair responded to this challenging situation? In Glasgow, on Friday, he acknowledged the divisions in his party by an eloquent appeal for unity from old and new Labour, from Social Democrats and Socialists alike. He also repeated past attempts to frighten people away from the SNP. He used a tax scare, much the same theme as helped the Tories to defeat Labour in the 1992 general election. He said an SNP victory would cost every family in Scotland an extra £30 a week in taxes.

The Scottish Labour Left is worried by this Nat-bashing, particularly when it comes from someone they do not regard as a Scot. They feel that Nat-bashing can come too close to Scot-bashing; they do not accept that Scotland can survive only on English subsidies; they do want to increase state power, but they want that power to be in Edinburgh. John McAllion speaks of his sympathy with "people comfortable with their own Scottish identity". The Nationalists certainly feel comfortable with their own Scottish identity.

he English have not yet fully woken up to the historic importance of this first election for the Scottish parliament. Labour is likely still to be the largest party in Scotland, but its difficulties are serious. They will find it hard to get out their vote in May, they are divided between a minority of new Blairites and a majority of old or Left Labour; they see Blair himself as a middle-class English outsider. Many Labour voters sympathise with the Nationalists. Labour has had power for too long in Scottish local government, and there has been too much sleaze. If Labour does form the first Scottish government, it will be nothing like a clone of new Labour. The Scottish parliament will inevitably challenge the Westminster Parfirst Scottish government will be the first post-Blair government to gain power in Britain.

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AFTER rolling in something rather pungent of late, Viscount Cranborne is to stride from the political stage — to set up a rare-breeds farm for his beloved pigs.

The Tory toff who crossed Wil-

liam Hague has vowed never to return to the Lords in its new egalitarian guise, instead, he will devote himself to bucolic intrigues at Cranborne Manor. Pigs are the most charming, restful and clean characters. I have always loved them." he muses. "My wife gave me a Tamworth sow for Christmas."

He has a small collection, some of which are pets. "I talk to them and they talk back. You can tell when they are down in the dumps. And they are very good to eat." He reassures me: "I do not give them

names if I am going to eat them."

He is convinced there is now a market for pukka pigs. His only fear? That he will be mistaken for P.G. Wodehouse's Lord Emsworth, who christened a sow Empress of Blandings and cared little for literature since Whiffle on the Care of the Pig. Soon Cranborne will say goodbye to all the Lord Ernsworths: The Lords has no interest left to me. I have been excluded."

FAY WELDON admits in next month's Harpers & Queen that she stole her first love from her best friend. He drove a Harley Davidson, and seems to have left quite an impression: "Still the sound of a motorbike pulling up what, only the courier?





FASHION harpies have reason to be nervous: a Hollywood studio has vacuumed up rights to Simply Divine, Wendy Holden's novel about Tatler. Warner Brothers is believed to want-Gwyneth Paltrow. above left, to play one of the magazine's decorative but pointless aristos. "It could be the part that

makes Gwyneih," Holden says. The socially ambitious schemer, not to be confused with Jane Proctor, Tatler Editor, right, is thought perfect for Julia Roberts (suitably aged). Nicholas Coleridge, publisher of the magazine, is unlikely to be barrelling along with his popeom.

WRITER'S block is to be the subject of a conference in Los Angeles, addressed by John le Carré. As the pulp fictionalist has churned out a book every couple of years since 1961, it is a condition from which I doubt he has ever suffered, sadly.

■ SHELLSUIT man is to gain entry to clubland. The Naval and Military, known to cabbies as the in and Out, is advertising for members, the first time a gentleman's club has done so.

The club, now in digs in St James's Square, has advertised in the Literary Review, thus undermining that fine tradition the blackball. 🦠 John Stevens, rettred naval officer and deputy secretary, was caught unawares when I called: "I shall raise the matter with the marketing department on Monday morning.

Kenneth Rose, the eminent historian, says: "It's extraordinary. A lot joined in the war, when there was an enormous Army and Navy. I suppose they are all dying."



PLUTOCRATIC sorts are imfazed by the Labour Budget. As Gordon Brown unveils plans to, er, save the workers from poverty, the Saatchis will entertain cronies with a champagne reception.

MAN UNGODLY conflict looms: Boris Johnson, the flaxen-haired commentator, is said to be barking after the Tory nomination in Sutton and Cheam - where Lady Olga Maitland hopes to regain her old seat for the Tories from the Liberal 1. Democrats. "Boris is fabulous," Lady O assures me. "But unlike." him. I live in Sutton." Poor dear.

JASPER GERARD

#### 'Moscow's teenaged black-marketeers seemed a lot more benign than my English friends, who were taking Ecstasy and shoplifting' reverie when one talks to an intelligent accepting it as just another sign

here is an unspoken under- nals, has stuck. As for politicians, standing among Russians that anyone involved in big business or politics is essentially a crook and, try as you might, you usually end up conceding that this is true. Ask a Russian what she thinks of any of the key presidential contenders, or the businessmen who support them, and she will shrug and, depending on her politics, will say either: "Well, he's the best of a bad lot," or: "Everybody knows he's backed by the mafia." (I use a female example because it is International Women's Day today — a public holiday on which women sometimes receive presents and men invariably get

Under communism, anybody doing business privately was contravening Soviet law, and the impression that business is illegal, that people earning large a spy, he is really an idealist and sums of money must be crimi- a visionary who wants the best shaken out of one's idealistic

they were always considered deeply compromised people who had probably squealed on their enemies and had certainly taken innumerable bribes.

Nowadays, when accountability has all but disappeared, they must, it is universally assumed by the average conspiracy-theorist Russian, be even worse.

For a foreigner, it can be tempting to believe that it is too easy to write off all the new millionaires as mafiosos and murderers, when perhaps they are no worse than Richard Branson or Bill Gates, and to dismiss politicians as powercrazed crooks, when they might be Nelson Mandelas inside. Looking at Yevgeni Primakov, the Prime Minister, one longs to think: "Perhaps, despite his Communist background and years as

for the Russian people." When you size up Boris Berezovsky, it is almost possible to be charitable. "So he was a car dealer? Is that really so awful?"

one says hopefully. aged black-marketeers who used to stand outside tourist hotels changing your dollars into roubles and touting Russian

military hais, watches and belts in return for jeans and electronic goods would have got up to 15 years in prison under communism. It was just a difference in perception. To me, they seemed a lot more benign and law-abiding than my English friends of the same age who were taking Ecstasy and shoplifting.

Of course, one is quickly

advance that the currency would collapse on August 17?" Sergei Kiriyenko. the former Prime Minister who is widely held responsible for the economic catastrophe, was seen by a British banker in the ski resort of Zermatt in January. relaxing in the sauna at the resort's most expensive hotel. "If you got rich in the past ten years

Russian, or to anyone trying to do business here. "Oh, come on!" they sigh. "So where do you think all the oil goes when it disappears off the face of the earth after going into the pipeline? Do you honestly believe they didn't know in

her parents are.) here, you robbed the Russian people and that's that," they

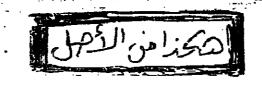
The outrage is compounded by the fact that so many people have had their lives altered beyond recognition, and for the worse, by the collapse of communism, and yet they have had to stand by while a fortunate few have started holidaying in Barbados, settling their families in London and banking in Switzerland. (The community of sons and daughters of eminent Russians in London has become so large that the Moscow gossip-columns are now full of stories from Knightsbridge, where it is considered vulgar to ask a new acquaintance exactly who his or

The world is aware that the life savings of millions of people were annihilated last August and, though one man did go and hold up a bank on Friday demanding the \$20,000 he had lost, most have taken this devastating blow in their stride,

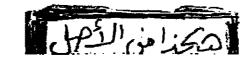
capitalists and politicians are fundamentally corrupt. And the trouble is, they are. The economic crisis has sent hundreds of Western bankers, accountants, lawyers, business-

that you can't trust anyone, that

men and economists hurtling homewards (and those who are staying barely have time to do any work, what with the endless round of leaving parties) and has left their Russian colleagues driving taxis. The bleak joke I heard from an economist last week about Anatoli Chubais, one of the original architects of Russian economic reform and now head of Russian state electricity, is depressingly pertinent. "Due to technical reasons," says Chubais, "the light at the end of the tunnel has been temporarily switched off."



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### **BORING AND SIMPLE**

How Brown can do no harm with his Budget

When the Chancellor stands up in the House of Commons tomorrow some of his huckiest breaks will already be behind him. Scarcely six months ago evidence of a domestic slowdown lay in piles across his desk. Disturbing economic signs from all over the world threatened to undermine the arithmetic that he had set in force in his second Budget and elaborated with enthusiasm in the Comprehensive Spending Review last summer. Through his decision to transfer authority over monetary questions to the Bank of England, he had restricted some traditional means of escape. Growth forecasts were reduced. The Conservatives, led by Francis Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, confidently anticipated a severe recession. Many Labour MPs feared the same.

Fortune has favoured Mr Brown. The Bank of England, following the lead set by Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, has cut interest rates with an unexpected aggression. That action seems to have headed off the coming slump. The Chancellor will probably need to adjust his predictions once more but not by a significant margin. The assumed budget surplus of £5.5 billion will be met, maybe modestly exceeded. These healthy figures are largely the result of enhanced revenues from duties, corporate taxes and additional charges on pensions and sav-ings. These "self taxes" — as the Conservalives have called them - have been the making of the public finances.

The Chancellor is not, however, out of the dark woods yet and the economy remains vulnerable to outside uncertainty. His overwhelming objective at the macroeconomic level must be to do no harm. Any substantial increase in state expenditure would make it much harder for the Bank of England to cut interest rates again should that prove desirable. A sudden rise in taxation might push domestic demand in an adverse direction. Mr Brown would thus be wise to play safe, even be dull, confirming existing plans rather than changing them and hoping that his

experiment in monetary policy will continue to pay dividends.

That neutral framework will inevitably limit his room for microeconomic manoeuvre. Yet there are several useful initiatives he might take. He should certainly attempt to impose some simplification on the tax system. As Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, noted last week, there are now some 54 differing rates of taxation across the fiscal spectrum compared with a mere seven when Labour came to power. This is a costly and inefficient exercise as well as one that has turned the self-assessment process into sadism. Mr Brown could also cut the corporation tax rates further: industry has suffered a net tax rise of nearly £3 billion over the past two years.

The Chancellor also wants to do more to help the working poor, especially those with children. In this context, he is considering two measures: the taxation of child benefit to allow moneys saved to be redistributed; and the introduction of a new 10 per cent income tax rate. The logic behind the two moves is not entirely complementary. The current system of child benefit is criticised because it sends cash to individuals regardless of their income. Yet any 10 per cent income tax band would also do that. The Chancellor would use his resources better by extending his working families tax credit.

The taxing of child benefit is a more awkward issue. In principle, it is an admirable idea. In practice, it could create numerous anomalies and undermine the principle of independent taxation. If these administrative conundrums can be resolved in a fashion that is itself not impossibly complex. Mr Brown should proceed and ignore pressure group criticism. That may not be the case this year. These difficulties underline the urgent need to render taxation less bureaucratic and burdensome. The best Budget for the coming twelve months - and the best example for the future - will be one that is both boring and simple.

#### **HOW TO SPEND IT**

Some welcome signs of a new philanthropy

According to John D. Rockefeller "anyone who dies rich dies disgraced". Many of the very rich and privileged like to do good. And yet the path of philanthropy has never been smooth, attracting criticism either from socialists, who would like private charity to be unnecessary, and fellow capitalists, who think that idealism is a chimera and that self-help is the only help worth having.

Today The Times reports how a most unusual entrepreneur and aviation enthusiast, Torquil Norman, is establishing a training centre for 13 to 20-year-olds, pledging over £6 million of his personal fortune to the Round House project in northwest London. And we look at how Sabrina Guinness, a scion of the brewing dynasty, has founded - and used her extensive social contacts to help to fund - a scheme intended to equip underprivileged young people with media skills. There is a new confidence among those using their money and skills for charity that is one of the great goods of the current age on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Philanthropy's renaissance has been parked in part by failures in the welfare state and the acceptance, even by big government's most determined supporters, that attempts to alleviate poverty, both material and cultural, have too often proved costly failures. Social policies planned by politicians and administered by bureaucrats can alleviate symptoms of poverty more easily than they can reach into the causes. Private philanthropy,

always most powerful when successful individuals give ideas and time as well as money, seeks to fill this need.

The capitalist cavalry is led by captains of industry and finance. The likes of George Soros and Bill Gates are donating sums the size of underdeveloped economies to good causes. Others, Paul Hamlyn, Peter Lampl and their like, are giving smaller amounts but small fortunes nonetheless. These benefactors apply an entrepreneurial culture to philanthropy. If a project does not result in its eexpected fall in unemployment or school truancy, it ceases. Performance is rewarded. Venture charity, like venture capital, aims for measurable results.

The greatest philanthropy comes from those whose sense of worth depends on their acknowledging the duty of the fortunate to help the less fortunate. Samuel Smiles's counsel did not preach only one sense of self-help. He argued that that "the duty of helping oneself in the highest sense involves the helping of one's neighbours".

In America, the tax regime encourages charitable giving more actively than in Britain. Governments can create philanthropy, however, by setting a wider framework than a mere fiscal one. Philanthropy fundamentally depends onthe creation of wealth, wealth creation on enterprise, and enterprise on small government. But above that there is the sense, which ebbs and flows with political and social confidence, that good can and should be done by those with the resources to do it.

#### **SLIPPERY SLOPES**

Mass tourism makes the sublime Alpine scenery ridiculous

Faith may move mountains but free will forms traffic jams. The snowbound queues of cars currently snaking round Alpine switchbacks are made by tourists who chose this destination for a holiday break. And this weekend, as local authorities abandoned all hope of shifting them, families huddled down in whatever tempoery refuge could be created. Hannibal Ruld scarcely have made slower or more uncomfortable progress in his mountain crossing. And J.M.W. Turner's descriptions of blocked passes, fatigue and bad lodging suffered during his 1802 Alpine tour would have borne great resonance in the minds of those who shivered in train stations and on floors of public buildings.

Any who still sit furning at their steering wheels would do well to recall other grander aspects of Turner's era. There is little chance now for anyone Romantically to muse, as Kears once did, upon an Alp "and half forget what world or worldling meant. Mass tourism has made the sublime ridiculous. And as each year more winter sports enthusiasts are packaged off to resorts, the pistes begin to appear more like motorways with streams of skiers slaloming like cars through traffic cones.

A substantial percentage of these skiers are British But this is not the only reason fat Britain is in part to blame. Although a Frand Tour pain through the mountains was fairly well beaten before the Napoleon is Wars. British explorers such as William

Coxe, whose Travels in Switzerland was published in 1791, laid popular trails and prompted the beginnings of a tourist industry in Chamonix and around Mont Blanc. Wordsworth and his poetic companions further fostered a fashion for lonely wanderings among frowning peaks.

By the middle of the 19th century skiing, formerly a mode of transport, became a sport. Even then, skiers had to scale great heights on foot before the downward hurtle. But by the 1930s rope tows and chairlifts were being built. Tourism flourished apace and grew into an industry. The mountains now are overrun with commerce. Pollution levels on transport passes can equal that of urban centres. Snow cannon fire volleys of water on to slopes. devastating plant life to improve the pistes. Every winter, hundreds of thousands of pounds of explosives are dropped from helicopters to make runs pleasingly shiny for tourists. Little wonder then that the delicate Alpine environment, too, finds itself upon a slippery slope. Decades of human exploitation are leading to the worst disasters for years.

Snowblinded for too long by the blizzards of tourism, regional authorities must remove their goggles and face up to the damage being done. Holidaymakers trapped in traffic tailbacks will have time aplenty to mull over such things as they contemplate the wisdom of their choice to take to the mountains on a peak weekend.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Counting system for Euro polls

From Dr David Butler, FBA, and Mr Peter Snow

Sir, Shortly the Home Office will present to Parliament the draft orders regulating the conduct of the Euro-pean elections next June. Two items in these orders give cause for concern. There may yet be time to remedy

First, counting areas: votes are normally to be counted at the Westminster constituency level and the tallies relayed to the Regional Returning Officer. However, the returning officers are to be left free to determine whether to count and report them at the constituency level or at some subregional level.

Surely any such decision should be a matter of national, not local policy. We are entitled to know how our local constituency has voted. It should not be left to the judgment of a returning officer to decide whether this information should be available to the public.

Second, recounts: the counting is to take place at the Westminster constituency level. The votes are then to be reported to the 11 regional Euroconstituency centres, where the total figures will be aggregated and the seats in that region allocated on a proportional basis. But a recount can only be demanded at the constituency level, not at the final regional count.

Candidates waiting to hear how the constituency votes aggregate to the regional total will not know how close the regional result is until all the constituency results have been reported in. By then it will be too late to demand a recount: the figures will be irrevocable and final.

If, in the final count at the regional level, a candidate wins or loses by a handful of votes, the fact that no recount is to be allowed is bound to be a recipe for cries of unfairness and for litigation. Much expense and aggravation could be saved if recounts were to be delayed until the final count of votes at the regional level is completed. In practice, there would be very few, if any. At the worst, there would be a day's delay while all the votes throughout the one or two regions were comprehensively recounted Surely it is not too late to reconsider these two simple administrative

points. DAVID BUTLER, PETER SNOW. c/o Nuffield College. Oxford OXI INF.

#### Gulf bombing

From Squadron Leader Philip Congdon, RAF (retd)

Sir, The Secretary of State for Defence's letter (March 6) has an echoing emptiness as he justifies the continued bombing of Iraq on the grounds of protection for Marsh Arabs and Kurds and that "he Saddam Hussein] is trying to kill our pilots" (maybe that's not surprising if they drop bombs).

Mr George Robertson does not explain why the RAF is providing the air defence and attack forces for two of the richest nations in the world who themselves have more than substantial forces for the task. (Are we paying for this?) One has also to ask the question, why do not Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, with the support of their colleagues in the UAE, Oman and Bahrain, now shoulder the burden of their own national defence. underwriting protection and support for Iraqi Kurds and Marsh Arabs?

On my last visit to the Gulf I was asked by a wag if I knew the regimental march for the Saudi and Kuwait armies. I nodded my ignorance. "Oh it's quite obvious," came the reply: "Onward, Christian Soldiers."
Who are you kidding Mr Robertson?

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CONGDON (Gulf War veteran). Hindle Fold Lane, Great Harwood, Blackburn, Lancashire BB6 7PT. March 7.

#### Police effectiveness From Dr Peter Greenhalgh

Sir, As a member of an ethnic community (the Wasps as it happens, but it would be the same for an Afro-Caribbean or Asian Englishman), I question the coupling of ethnicity and homosexuality in the league table of "Positive replies [by police forces] to 27 questions about policing ethnic and gay communities" (March 2). It is even sillier than a blanket condemnation of that other ill-matched couple

"sex and violence" on television. There is wholesome sex and unwholesome sex, good violence (like thrashing moneylenders in the Temple or fighting Hitler) and bad violence (like crucifying a good man or committing genocide).

The only question needing to be asked of our police forces is how effectively they seek out criminals and bring them to justice. Ethnicity and sex per se should be as irrelevant in this inquiry as height or girth, and to assume they are not seems more likely to compound the problem that the inquisitors are trying to solve.

Yours faithfully, PETER GREENHALCH, Westwood House Higheross Road, Westwood, Southfleet, Kent DAI3 9PH. March 2.

#### Trade 'victims' of the banana row

such assistance is highly likely to be interpreted as an export subsidy. As

such, it will be subject to potential US

Under US trade law (which is con-

sistent with the WTO rules) any US apparel producer of a "like" product who feels that the subsidised Scottish product will reduce its market share is

able to launch a countervailing duty action. The US trade agencies can

impose customs duties to offset the subsidy if a threat of material injury is

found. Although appeals can be made

to a US court, none is allowed to the

Thus, the Scottish cashmere producers should either decline the British Government subsidies and lobby for

the EU to comply with the American banana demands, or start to look for

new export markets outside the US.

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Sir, My company has the licence to

publish the art archive of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew as fine art

prints. Royalties from the sales are

paid to Kew to help fund their global

Our largest market has been the

US, where Kew is a respected name.

That, however, is about to change

dramatically, as we are faced with the

100 per cent duty which the US has

put on fine art prints as a result of the EU banana problem. This duty ef-fectively came into force on March 3.

This is a disastrous situation for my

small company. Presumably, some

one in the EU is gaining from this banana "war". Will I, therefore, be

compensated for the EU's stance?

Silver Street, Reading RGI 2JN.

Yours faithfully.

McQueen House,

March 4.

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March 5.

(Thames Water Fellow in

Strategic Management),

From Mr Simon Nutbrown

conservation programmes.

countervailing duty action.

From the Trade Policy Officer at Christian Aid

Sir. The current trade row between the US and the EU over bananas (letter, March 5) underlines some of the fundamental inequalities in the world trading system. The US claims, and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agrees, that preferential access for Caribbean bananas in the EU means that US companies cannot compete fairly with Caribbean producers for the European market.

However, the three biggest banana

companies -- Chiquita, Dole and Del Monte - already control more than two thirds of the world market, while Caribbean producers account for less than 3 per cent. The big companies have been able to dominate the world market and maintain large and increasing profits, even when world banana prices have been falling. By contrast, small farmers in the Caribbean produce bananas on plots which average less than five acres, often on poor soils and with little opportunity for investment. The fall in world prices in the 1990s has already led to increased poverty among banana far-mers in the Caribbean.

In these circumstances, further opening of the EU market will lead to greater hardship in the vulnerable economies of the Caribbean. Developing countries need a more equitable world trading regime in order to diversify their economies and improve the livelihoods of their populations.

Yours, CLAIRE MELAMED, Trade Policy Officer, Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT. March 5.

From Dr Alan M. Rugman

Sir. Your leading article "Blair's banana skin" (March 5: see also leading article, March 4) provides excellent analysis of how the Scottish cashmere producers are the victims of bad British trade policy.

However, their situation is potentially even more precarious than you demonstrate. If the British Government "guarantees" the bonds required to be paid on cashmere exports to the United States (report, March 5),

ITV's public service

From Mr Peter Atkinson, MP

Sir, ITV's chief executive, Richard

Eyre, writes (letter, March 3): "[ITV's]

public service is expressed through a

mighty breadth of diversity, an

incomparable regional service and

massive investment in original British

Unfortunately, ITV's idea of "public

service" does not include making its

digital television services available to

everyone. In contrast to every other

UK public service broadcaster, ITV is

refusing to transmit its digital services

(digital ITV and ITV2) by both satellite

As a result, several million viewers

in areas without digital terrestrial

reception or cable - many of whom

live in the more rural and remote

parts of the country - will be

deprived of ITV's digital services for

Last week two parliamentary col-leagues and I held a meeting in the

House of Commons to discuss this

issue (which the Office of Fair Trad-

ing is also looking into). The majority

view of parliamentarians who spoke

was that ITV's digital services should

also be on satellite in order to serve all

ITV's argument that satellite trans-

and terrestrial means.

many years to come.

for Hexham (Conservative)

production."

mission might fatally weaken the digi-tal terrestrial platform is unconvincing, given that all other public service broadcasters, the BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5 and the regional service S4C already offer their services free by satellite whilst having significant interests in digital terrestrial television.

Yours faithfully, PETER ATKINSON, House of Commons. March 3.

From Mr Ronald Williams

Sir, I cannot but admire the verbal ingenuity of Richard Eyre in striving to defend ITV against charges of dumbing down; particularly in his phrase "that whilst ITV does not try to Datter an intellectual elite . . . ".

This reminds me of the story (which I like to believe is true) of a conscientious, though somewhat obsequious, biographer of Edward VII who, when faced with the necessity of confronting the sheer gluttony of that monarch, recorded that His Majesty was not given to toying with his food.

Yours sincerely, R. W. WILLIAMS, 10 Pine Park Mansions. l Wilderton Road, Poole, Dorset BH13 6EB. March 5.

#### Rail fares examined

From Mr Barry S. Doe

of our constituents.

Sir, The Association of Train Operating Companies is constantly trying to convince rail users that "fares are going down in real terms" (letter from the director-general, March 4). I have been analysing rail fares since the late 1960s, and examining separately the fares of the new train operators since privatisation: I am alarmed at what is happening.

For example, 17 operators serve London. Ignoring advance-purchase tickets (which are used by only 7 per cent of travellers and then only for longer-distance journeys). I have examined by how much each of their

other fares has risen between June 1995 and January 1999 - a period when inflation has been 12 per cent. A few of these are legally capped to inflation. Of the remainder, two thirds have risen well over inflation -Virgin Trains being the worst culprit

The director-general's claim can be upheld only if many new, very cheap fares that require booking up to a week in advance are taken into the calculations. These have no rele-vance for the "walk-on" casual or daily user.

Yours faithfully, BARRY S. DOE, 25 Newmorton Road Bournemouth BH9 3NU.

#### Nigerian elections

From Mr Charles Buss

Sir, The Nigerian people were given the "choice" between a former military dictator; General Olusegun Obasanjo, and his former Finance Minister, Olu Falae, in an election controlled by the military (report and leading article, March 2).

Commentators may disagree as to whether the turnout reflected support for the candidates themselves or rather the desire of the Nigerian people to show that they wish to be heard. I suspect that most queued at the polling stations for the latter reason. If so, their resolve should be celebrated. I find the election of General Obasanjo is harder to applaud.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES BUSS, 15 Fremont Street, E9 7NQ. chuss@wfw.com

From Mr Philip Warner

Sir, Why does your diarist call General Olusegun Obasanjo "the dodgy general" (March 2)?

In your leader you acknowledge his military distinction and national reputation. He was a member of a Commonwealth committee of "eminent persons" to advise on the South African situation, and when he was the leader of an earlier military regime ho made an honest attempt to return Nigeria to civilian rule. He was clearly an enemy of the Abacha regime.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP WARNER. Birch Wood House, Cadnam, Southampton SO40 2NR. March 2.

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#### Tied in knots not for first time

From Mr Christopher Purple

Sir, The work of two Cambridge physicists. Thomas Fink and Yong Mao, in developing new methods of knotting ties well deserved front-page coverage in today's Times. Their new, simple method of starting with the tie inside out represents Cambridge bril-

liance at its best.
I can vouch for the success of the method, having used it for the past 35 years, since learning it as a 15-year-old from my brother in deepest Norfolk.

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER PURPLE. 25 Oxlease, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6QZ. March 4.

From Mr Christopher Hough

Sir, However fashionable the knot, to depict, as you did, a blue shirt and yellow tie combination is worryingly passe. Small pockets of yellow ties remain - for example, Paddy Ashdown, William Hague and television news reporters, but these are hardly fashion icons.

For the benefit of your readers, the new look is the ubiquitous blue shirt. but with the more dashing red tie.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HOUGH, 199 Strand, WC2R IDR.

From Mr Gordon Brudenell

Sir. The last knot mentioned (and illustrated) in Nigel Hawkes's report has certainly been invented before if not by Gordius, King of Ancient Phrygia, then by Paul Daniels.

Yours faithfully, GORDON BRUDENELL, 95 Little Sutton Road, Sutton Coldfield B75 6PT.

From Mrs Karen Bradshaw

Sir, My four-year-old son has also been experimenting with the tie that he has had to wear since starting school. The knots he achieves are invariably "complex, unbalanced and unaesthetic".

Unfortunately, unlike the scientists in your report, he does not feel the need to eliminate them from his repertoire and wears them with much

Yours faithfully, KAREN BRADSHAW, Somerdale, Pennymead Drive, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 5AH. kfbradshaw@aol.com March 4.

From Mr Dave Hepworth

Sir, Could the ingenious Cambridge physicists turn their minds to the rather more knotty problem of why we wear such strange things as ties in

Yours, DAVE HEPWORTH. Wayside, Mires Lane. Rowland, Bakewell DE45 INP. March 4.

#### Buses to the back

From Mrs Diana Robinson

Sir, If, as reported (The Sunday Times, February 28), "buses pick up and drop off at the rear perimeter" while "there is a car drop-off [point] at the front" of the Millennium Dome bus station, then the concept of a "service entrance" has indeed been set in concrete and, it seems, public transport is officially second-class, notwithstanding new Labour or new century.

Yours faithfully. DIANA ROBINSON, 58 Manor Park Road, York YO30 5UL March I.

#### Royal beef

From Mrs Marilyn Branston

Sir. I'm delighted to see that you English are having no greater success with Prohibition than we Americans had back in the Roaring Twenties (report, "Prince goes near the bone over beef", March 2; letters, March 3). Soon we'll be able to sneak into some small, secret dive by whispering Prince Charles sent me through a little panel in the door. The only

problem will be how to squeeze a T-bone into a hip flask. Yours drily. MARILYN BRANSTON,

50 Holdenhurst Avenue, N12 0JB. March 4.

#### No alternative

From Mr N. L. Denton Sir, I have just bought a new pair of

slippers. The label states: Upper: Other Materials Sole: Other Materials

Lining: Other Materials While I am sure that this des-

cription is fully compliant with all the appropriate EU directives, it would be handy to know what the alternatives were.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL L. DENTON. 12 Maria Court, Southcote Road. Reading RG30 3AS. n.l.@denton446.freeserve.co.uk

#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 6: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Commander Loftus Peyton-Jones at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Commander David Cobb which was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr Paul Arengo-Jones.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 6: The Duke of York this morning laid a wreath at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. and visited the Ho Chi Minh

Afterwards, His Royal Highness returned to Ho Chi Minh

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir Christopher Airy, royal equerry, 65: Mr Nicolas Bevan, Speaker's Secre-tary, 57; Mr Gyles Brandreth,

author, broadcaster and publisher, 51: Sir Julian Bullard, former

ald Campbell former President

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 69: Sir Anthony Caro, sculptor, 75: Ma-jor Graham T. Dunnett, Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness, 70: Mr

Phil Edmonds, cricketer, 48: Mr Michael Grade, chief executive, First Leisure, 56; Lord Hurd of

Westwell, CH, 69; Mr Michael Inchbald, designer, 79; Miss Ann Jenner, ballerina, 55; Mr Irek

Mukhamedov, ballet dancer, 39

Miss Lynn Redgrave, actress, 56; Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief

Rabbi. 51: Miss Lynn Seymour.

ballerina. 60: Professor S.K.

Smith, obstetrician and gynaecol-

ogist.48; Professor Norman Stone, modern historian, 58; Mr

Robert Tear, tenor, 60: the Ven

P.R. Turner, chaplain, Dulwich College, 57: Sir John Ward.

former MP. 74: Mr David Wilkie.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of

Edinburgh will attend the Com-

monwealth Day Observance at

Westminster Abbey at 3.15. Later

they will attend a reception at Marlborough House, Pall Mail, London SWI to mark the 50th

The Duke of York will attend a

dinner to mark the opening of the

Nato Conference at Lancaster

monwealth at 6.30.

House, London, at 7.35.

swimmer, 45.

Duke of York visited the Cu

This evening, His Royal

Highness departed Vietnam

March 7: The Duke of York

this morning arrived at London Heathrow from Vietnam.

Mr David Tuck were in

March 7: The Princess Royal

this afternoon departed from London Heathrow Airport to

visit Japan, the Philippines and New Zealand. Mrs An-

drew Feilden and Mr Rupert

McGuigan are in attendance.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

Captain Neil Blair, RN, and

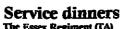
for London Heathrow.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

Chi Tunnels.

**Royal Marines** The Rev David Burgess was Friday at Lincoln's Inn. Major-

Aberdeen. Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron



The Essex Regiment (TA)
Mr John Norris, Vice Lord-Lieuten ant of Essex, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the 4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA) Officers Dinner Club held on Saturday at Oakington Barracks, Cambridge. Colonel Ge-offrey Morgan presided.

39th (Skinners) Signal Regiment Mr John Boyd, QC, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the 39th (Skinners) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) held on Saturday at Skin-ners' Hall. Lieutenant-Colonel J. Crackett, Commanding Officer, presided. The Regimental Honorary Colonel, the Master of the Skinners' Company and the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol were among the guests.

among the guests at the annual dinner of the Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club held on General John Hardy presided.

Air Vice-Marshal T.W. Rimmer, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant Royal Air Force College Cranwell, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Aberdeen. Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron held on Friday at RAF Leuchars. Squadron Leader N.W. Willey, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were:

Professor Struther Arnott, principal, St Andrews University, Professor David Swin-Vice-Principal, Dundee University, Professor Frank McIntosh, Vice-Principal, Robert Gordon University and Air Commo-dore J.H. Haines, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland.

#### Nature notes

IN THE north wind, robins find a perch that protects their backs, and face south to let the low sun warm. headed guils out on a field or sitting on goalposts face into the wind so that it does not ruffle their feathers. Many winter visitors are still in Britzin, including redwings. These small thrushes with a white eye-stripe and a red flash under their wing have started coming into gardens in the frost and snow Long-tailed tits, which are among the earliest nesters, are already prospecting for sites in hedges and gorse bushes. More hedge sparrows are singing their thin, piping songs, and house sparrows are producing the long strings of chirps that pass for singing among them. Last summer's seeds are



The redwing

finally dispersing. Dry keys are blowing down from the ash trees, and crumbling clusters of hooked seeds on the burdock plants are catching onto dog fur and trousers. On hazel bushes, the catkins are filling with pollen and starting to swing in the wind.

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### Family protest at picture sale

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

Gainsborough now worth £3 million to one of Britain's leading public schools yesterday voiced anger at the decision to sell the painting and warned potential donors to spell out in writing their exact wishes for the gift's future.

Karen MacAuslan, a GP in Catford, southeast London, whose great-uncle Henry Hony gave the picture to Marlborough College in 1955, said that other potential donors will now think twice. She said: "If you ever do want to make a donation, make sure you specify what you want long-term." The donor's eldest daughter, Selina Hony, said that 50 years ago, no one ever thought that anything needed to be put in writing: "If someone gave something to you, you kept it. It was an assumption."

The Tate Gallery is believed to want the painting, but unless a public institution can raise the money, it is likely to go abroad. Dr MacAuslan said: "The family feel very strongly that the picture should remain in the public domain in this country. It is of national importance."

not informed them they planned to sell. "The first we heard was a rumour." Since then, attempts to find out more have failed. She said: "They won't tell us what's happening. It is very upsetting."

BIRTHS: John Fothergill, physician, Wensleydale, Yorkshire, 1712; Carl Philipp

Emanuel Bach, composer, Weimar, Germa

ny, 1714; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, London, 1726; William Roscoe,

historian, Liverpool, 1753; Charles Rossi,

sculptor, Nottingham, 1762; Kenneth Gra-hame, author of The Wind in the Willows,

Edinburgh, 1859; Frederic William Goudy, typographer, Bloomington, Illinois, 1865;

THE family of a man who donated a She is unconvinced by the school's argument that it needs the money. When the school was first questioned, it suggested it did not have the resources to care for the painting. But, when the family proposed the solution of a loan to the National Gallery or Tate Gallery, the school then said it needed money for a

swimming pool. Later the money was

wanted for an arts centre. The lifesize portrait — one of the artist's largest at 98in by 94in - depicts George Byam (1734-79) of Apse Court. Surrey. with his wife and daughter. They were a merchant family with interests in the West Indies. The painting was donated by one of their descendants, the greatgrandson of the girl in the portrait, Henry Hony. Explaining his donation to his twin sister, he had said that the family had so many connections with the college and "we can always see it there".

Dr MacAusian said Henry had thought the college would keep it and not regard it "as a chattel in store for a rainy day". She added: "The family feel that if it was allowed to go anywhere except to a be a gross violation of Henry Hony's intentions."

Its sale is being negotiated by Christie's which, she said, has been "cagey" in releasing details to the family: "They said

Anniversaries

Otto Hahn, pioneer of nuclear fission, Nobel laureate 1944, Frankfurt am Main, 1879.

DEATHS: King William III, reigned with Mary

il 1689-94, then alone to 1702, London, 1702;

Sawrey Gilpin, animal painter, London, 1807; Hector Berlioz, composer, Paris, 1869;

it was at the Tate, which was having a look at it."

The picture is believed to be the most significant painting by the artist to come onto the market since Royal Holloway College in Egham, Surrey, caused a furore by selling a Gainsborough bequeathed by its founder for £3.5 million. Charles Saumarez Smith, director of

the National Portrait Gallery, one of several Old Mariburians who have become museum directors, said that the painting had made a deep impact during his school years, 1967 to 1971: "Much of my interest in 18th-century British painting derived from the daily experience of being educated in a school which had a major Gainsborough painting." He added: "I very much regret the fact that the school felt it necessary to put on the market its only major cultural asset, and will regret it even more if the picture cannot be purchased by a major British public institution."

Dr MacAuslan expressed anger that the school, in writing to parents to inform them of the sale, suggested that the donor's family, which includes Hony's three daughters, eight nephews and nieces, and their 26 adult sons and daughters, had given their blessing. No one at Marlborough College was

available for comment.

Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, airship constructor, Charlottenburg, Germany, 1917; Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor London, 1961; Harold Lloyd, film comedian Beverly Hills, 1971; Richard Austen Butler. politician, Great Yeldham, Essex, 1982; Sir William Walton, composer, Ischia, 1983. The Pebruary revolution began in Russia (ending on March 14), these dates being in the New Style Gregorian calendar, 1917.

#### Memorial services

Commander David Cobb The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Commander Loftus Peyton-Jones and Prince Edward by Mr Paul Arengo-Jones at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Commander David Cobb held on Saturday in the Queen's Chapel

of the Savoy. The Rev John Robson, Chaplain to The Queen, officiated. Mr David Bailey and Miss Tiggy Grillo read the lessons. Commander John Crisp gave an address. The Lord-Lieuteant of Greater London was represented by Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, accompanied by Lady Craig-Cooper. The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington & Chelsea attended. Among others present

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Mrs Mary Cobb Isinter-in-law), Miss Penny Cobb, Mrs Jody Buckley, Mrs Sarah Roberts. Mrs Jimmy Grillo, Mrs Jo Bridgelsand, Mr. Nick Cobb. Miss Kase Cartarell, Mr Authory-Cartmell, Dr Nick Cartmell, Mr Jonathan Roberts, Tun Bridgelsand, Sam Cobb, Mrs Daphne Kennedy, Mrs Emily Cobb, Mr Michael Buckley, Mr Dick Grillo, Mr Part Bridgelsand, Dr Joe Mannam, representatives of the UK and Overpeus offices of The Dulte of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, the London Salling Project, sall realising esociations and many friends from the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands.

Six Jesusa and Lady Will-Marker.

Sir James and Lady Whitaker The Mayor of Retiord attended a memorial service for Sir James and Lady Whitaker held on Friday at St Swithun's, Retford, Notting-hamshire, Canon John Ottey officiated, assisted by the Rev Bob Smith and the Very Rev David Leaning who said prayers.

Leaning who said prayers.

Sir Jack Whitaker, son, and Mrs

David Price, daughter, read the
lessons. Mr Colin Jenkins, Principal of the Atlantic College, Mr Dick Hornby, Mr Alastair Cam eron, nephew and the Rev David Whitaker, brother of Sir James, gave addresses. Among others present were:

present were
Lady Whitaker (daughter-in-law), Mr David
Price (son-ir-law), Miss Lucy Whitaker,
Harry, Alix and Eleanor Whitaker, Miss
Hesther Price and Mr William Price
Ignandchildren), Mr and Mrs Ben Whitaker,
Mrs David Whitaker, Mrs Gill Camerno.
Mr Quincey Whitaker, Mr Razak Whitaker,
the Rev Ben Whitaker, Mr Robert Whitaker,
the Rev Ben Whitaker, Miss lone Whitaker,
Mrs Love Whitaker, Miss lone Whitaker,
Mrs Jonathan Whitaker and Mrs Sarah
Camerno with other members of the family,
friends and representatives of the Atlantic
College and local organisations.

#### Meeting Three Faiths Forum

The Speaker presented Grand Rabbin Rene Samuel Strat of Paris with the ICCJ Interfaith Gold Medallion at a meeting of the Three Faiths Forum held yesterday at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Ivor Caplin, MP. Sir Signand Sternberg presided.

#### **Dinners**

Old Elysian Club The Hon Remard lenkin MP was the guest of honour and speaker at the centenary year annual dinner of the William Ellis School, Old Elysian Club 1899-1999 held on Saturday at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Jenkin. Mr Brian Duker presided. Mr Michael Wheale, Head Master. also spoke. Mr Martin Hayman, chairman of governors, was among those present.

Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club Mr Christopher Barnett, Commo-Yacht Club, Dover, accompanied by Mrs Barnett, presided at the innual Commodore's dine in held on Saturday at the club. Royal College of Radiologists Professor P. Armstrone, President

of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Mrs Armstrong were the hosts at a dinner held on Friday at 38 Portland Place.

#### Legal appointment

Lord Justice Waller has been appointed Chairman of the Judi-cial Studies Board in succession to Lord Justice Henry.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr T.J.F. Evell
and Miss D.E. Newman
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, son of Mr David
Exell, of Wrington, North Someset, and Mrs. Hilary Davies-Jones,
of Clifton, North Somerset, and
Deborah, younger daughter of Mr
and Mrs. Bernard Newman, of
Sunningdale, Berkshire.
Mr R.S. Fulton
and Miss C.M. McMahon
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Mr and
Mrs. James Fulton, of Hoary,
North Lincolnshire, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Edward McMahon, of Cockfosters, Hernfordshire.
Mr D.J. Helussley

Mr DJ. Heimsley and Miss G. Ni Dhobhghaill and Miss G. N. Dhubhghaill
The engagement is announced
between Dominic, younger son of
the late Mr Edward Helmsley and
of Mrs Helmsley, of Exeter, Devon, and Grainne, eldest daughter
of Mr and Mrs Antoin O' Dubhghaill, of Ballysheedy, Limerick,
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Mr C.J.S. Wit and Miss R. Montes Diez

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of his and Miss Jeffrey Wix, of Thatcham, Berkshire, and Raquel, only daughter of D. Gabriel Montes de la Hoz and Da. M. Carmen Diez Polygrinos, of Almanza, Leon, Spain. za, Leon, Spann.

#### Marriages

Mr M. Badran
and Miss G.A.J. Scott-Oldfield
The marriage was celebrated in
Cairo, on Friday, March S, between Mehamed, son of Mr
Shams Badran and Mrs Mona
Roushdy, and Gratia, daughter of
Mr John Scott-Oldfield and Mrs
Honora Scott-Oldfield.
Mr C.D. Marm

Mr C.D. Marm
and Miss G.S. Winlaw
The marriage took place, in London, on March 5, of Caspar, son of
Mr and Mrs Stewart DouglasMann, and Grania, daughter of
Mr Antony Winlaw and Mrs
Carole Winlaw.

Mr D.L. Pickett and Mrs C. Morley-Fletcher The marriage took place on Sun-day, March 7, 1999, at St. Marrys, Cadogan Street, between David Pickett and Susan Morley-Fletch-

#### Mr Peter Cotes

A memorial meeting to celebrate the life of Peter Cotes (1912-1998) Theatre Director and Writer, will be held at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WCl, on Monday, March 22, 1999, at 3pm. All are

Dr Robert Murray A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Dr Robert Murray, OBE, will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 2.00pm at the Crown Court Church of Scotland, Russell Street, Covent Garden, London, WCZ

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22.2.99; A J Poliock, PMA RAF Innsworth, 8.3.99.

**Baron Patel** The life barony conferred upon Sir Narendra Babubhai Patel has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Patel, of Dunkeld in Perth and Kinross.

#### Service luncheon

Operation "Grapple"
The annual reunion function of officers who served on Christmas Island during Operation "Grapple" was held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly.

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BIRTHS

PENNES - To Pauline and Martin (and Grandparents) on 23rd February, Ned Richard Ling, a brother for Guy.

JONES - On 22nd February 1993, to Helen (née Roberts) and Chris, a wonderful son, Maximilian Edward Neale Special thanks to the IVF Unit at Hammersmith Hospital for making our drawn come true

MRLS - Amanda (née Baker) and Guy are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Brittany Isabel Louise at Epsom Hospital on March 3rd. SERO BRADY - On

February 28th at Watford Hospital, to Christlanne Ferreira Ribeiro and Mark Brady, a son, Fábio.

**DEATHS** 

ABELA HYZLER - Dr Paul, CBE, MD, FFPHM, peacefully at the Woking Hospice on 5th March 1999, with characteristic dignity and faith. Procloud husband of the and id of Lise and devoted father of Adrian Julian and Caroline Funeral service to be held in Malta. Memorial service in UK to be announced later. Donations, if desired, to the Woking Hospice.

BAGSHAWE - George Fox on February 9th, followed by beloved wife Edith Mary on March 2nd peacefully at the Pursy-Cust Nuffield Hospital, York after a short illness.

DEATHS

(Mac) Stewart Balmain OBE, DL, late of 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars, at home on 3rd March aged 85. Much loved husband of Heather, father husband of Heather, father of Ann and Stewart and grandfather of James. Iain and Peter. Private cremation, Friday 12th March. Service of Thankagiving at St Mary's Church, Stannington, Northumberland 2.30 pm, Saturday 13th March.

GEBEL - Adam Leopold, dearly loved by all his family and friends, died at home on 2nd March, 1999, aged 86. Service and compatible at West Leaden

flowers only, but densations to South Bucks NHS Trust would be

DRYSDALE – Ian. Peacefully in Bearsden on Friday 5th March 1999 in his 87th March 1999 in his 57th year, Inn Dryadale, beloved husband of the late Rosalind, father of Bill, Tom, Robin and Donald and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Buchlyvie Church at 11.30am on Friday 12th March and thrush for at Clyschical. thereafter at Clydebenk Crematorium, North Dainottar, arriving 1.30pm. Family flowers

agod 86. Service and cremation at West Londs Crematorium, Kemsel Creen, East Chapel, on Tuesday, March 16th at 11.00 am. Request no flowers. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

KHLIMGTON - Albert James suddenly on March 2nd. Much loved husband, Isther and grandfather. Funeral at Chiltorns Crematorium, Amersham Bucks. on Friday March 12th at 12 noon. Family grestly appreciated c/o Wright Funeral Services 106 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0BE.

IAMONT-JONES - Calis
O.B.E. peacefully at Royal
Sussex County Hospital,
Brighton on 3rd March
1999 aged 83 years. Widow
of Cecil. Minch loved Annt
of Colin, William and John
Wood. Funeral Service to
be beid on 11th March at
11 O'clock at All Saints
Church, Hove, Sussex
followed by committal at
2 o'clock at All Saints
Church, Sandersteed.
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Directors, Atree & Kent,
108 Church Road, Hove,
Sussex, tel 01273 821985. BALMAIN - Colonel Mulcolm

LOUGHRAN - Patricia
McDaniel on 4th March
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from Broome, Western
Australia to London via
many years in Singapore
and Positano. A mother,
grandmother and motherin-law of great dignity and
generosity.

SCHOTT - Evelyn Diane, elder daughter of Colonel and Mra George Ireland Fraser, died pescefully at home on Tuesdey 2nd March 1999, Foneral March 1999. Femeral
Service at Holy Trinity
Brompton, Knightsbridge
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nomall - Edward (Eddie Holmes MA, Associate Member Officer of the Noble Order of St John Member Officer of the Noble Order of St John of Jerusalem, beloved husband of Gloria, devoted father of Matther (1988), Gordon and Heather, died peacefully at home from cancer on 3rd March 1959 aged 66. He also leeves his dear daughter-in-law Cecile and five lovely grandchildren. An open exhibitioner at St

daughter-in-law Cecile and five lovely grandchildren. An open exhibitioner at St Catharine's College. Cambridge 1948 - 1952, he then served as an officer in the education branch of the RAF during National Service. He spent his working life in the Public Sector, with the National Coal Board, the Electricity Council and as a Member of the Police Complaints Authority, retiring in 1996. For 9 years he was a councillor on the then Crawley Urban District Council, serving as its Chelman, in his last year. A generous and caring man, he will be greatly missed by his family and by many whos lives he touched. A funeral service will be held at St Johns Church, Crawley on Thursday 11 March at 12-15pm followed by committed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to the Imperial Conser Research Fund or St Catherine's Hospice. Crawley, CO P.A. Martin, Three Bridges, Crawley, to whom all enquiries should be made.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DAY - A Service to celebrate the life of Anthony Samuel (Tony) Day will be held on Saturday May 8th at Charterhouse at 12 noon. For further information plesse contact the Recorders Office at Charterhouse on (01483) 291385.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

MALMESBURY - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Bridget, Countess of Malmesbury, formerly Bridget Graham Hawkings, will be held at All Sein's Church, Odfism, Hampshire on BIRTHDAYS

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photography as a hobby. Infamated with the cinema from boyhood.

he got his first job at 16 as a staff

photographer on the magazine

Look. The transition from still

photography to movies came in 1950 when he directed a 16-minute

documentary about a boxer, Day of the Fight, which he sold to RKO-

Pathe. There was another documen-

tary and then, in 1953, his first feature, Fear and Desire, a low

budget film made with money

borrowed from relatives and

friends. It was virtually a one-man

show, with Kubrick performing all

the directing and production func-

tions: writing the script, directing, filming and loading the camera.

He similarly financed his next film, Killer's Kiss (1955), which he

based on his own original screen-play about a boxer who rescues a

girl from the clutches of a gangster.

Less important than the banal

story was Kubrick's inventive direc-

tion (again, he performed most of the other functions, too), with

several touches worthy of a film-

maker of far greater experience. He

was now ready to move from B

James B. Harris, he was able to get backing from United Artists for

The Killing (1956), a taut thriller

about a racetrack robbery. The theme, of the perfect crime that

goes wrong, had been used many

times in Hollywood, but Kubrick

gave it a new life with his crisp and

confident handling. He also drew

vivid performances from seasoned

character actors such as Sterling

Hayden and Elisha Cook. It was

his first work to receive serious.

With the release in the following

year of Paths of Glory, Kubrick,

still not yet 30, emerged at a stroke.

into the front rank of American

directors. Set on the Western Front

in the First World War, the film

follows the fate of three ordinary

French soldiers who are court-mar-

tialled and executed after a disas-

trous sortie in order to save the face

of the high command. It was a

triumph on all levels, as an

exploration of character and mo-

tive, for its dramatic qualities and,

attention from reviewers.

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#### Stanley Kubrick, film-maker. died yesterday at his Herifordshire home aged 70. He was born in New York on July 26, 1928.

powerful and uncompromising talent, Stanley Kubrick first came to prominence with a scathing meatment of the hypocristes of war in Paths of Glory (1957) and went on to make a succession of distinctively individual films, each comdetely different from the one before. He could move from the outrageous black comedy of Dr. Strangelove (1964), to the calmer, more cerebral approach of 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968), one of his most remarkable films. Likewise he could make films as totally different as the nightmare vision of A Clockwork Orange and his exploration of the machinations of the 18th-century officer class in Barry Lyndon.

Yet there were common factors. His work was infused with a deep pessimism about his fellow creatures, whom he often portrayed as being unable to control their destiny. He had a penchant for subversive humour. Technically he was a master of his craft, with a striking visual sense and the ability to handle complicated narratives. He could work with equal facility in a number of styles, from documentary realism to the furthest flights of fantasy.

Kubrick was a meticulous direcfor who often spent years in the preparation and shooting of a film, planning each shot with obsessive precision. This inevitably limited his output and a new film every four to five years became his norm. It also, according to his critics, produced a detached and impersonal quality, a charge particularly levelled against his later films. But it was in the nature of Kubrick's work to divide critical opinion, arousing the extremes of adulation and censure. He was a director about whom it was impossible to be

He was born in the Bronx districtof New York, the son of a doctor, who encouraged him to take up

STANLEY KUBRICK not least, a superb piece of film-making which drew graphic con-trasts between the lot of the men in

existence of the officers command-A big critical success, Paths of Glory fared only moderately at the box office and since Kubrick had worked not for a salary but for a percentage of the profits, a lean time lay ahead of him. Kubrick had to wait two years for his next film. Spartagus (1960) was an assignment offered to him when the original director, Anthony Mann, withdrew. It was the only film in his career Kubrick did not choose to make. But he handled the conventions of the big-budget Hol-lywood epic with considerable flair and if he regarded the film as a chore, it is one of the more

intelligent examples of the genre. In 1961 Kubrick moved to Brit-ain, feeling that this would offer him greater independence, and from now on his work was based in this country. His first British film, ironically, was set in the United States: Lolita (1962), an adaptation of Vladimir Nabokov's novel about the infatuation of a middle-aged lecturer (brilliantly played by James Mason) with a 14-year-old girl. The picture was notable for Kubrick's black humour and contained a memorably manic supporting performance from Peter Sell-

Both black comedy and Sellers were strongly featured in Kubrick's nuclear war fantasy. Dr Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb. Sellers played three parts, includ-ing the mad doctor of the title, a latter-day Nazi masterminding the American nuclear programme; and the film was a joyous amalgam of satire and farce in service of the ultimately tragic subject, the destruction of the world.

For 2001: A Space Odyssey, Kubrick moved boldly away from traditional story-telling, with its emphasis on dialogue and character, and relied instead on the suggestive power of visual imagery. Kubrick called 2001 a "non-ver-bal experience" and it is half an

hour before any words are spoken. In tracing the journey of a group of astronauts towards Jupiter, years the trenches and the comfortable into the future, Kubrick was helped by some of the most astonishing special effects seen in the cinema up to that time.

In 1971 Kubrick made his most controversial film. A Clockwork Orange, a bleak view of a society dominated by mindless violence. The picture was criticised for parading what it was seeking to condemn, though the potency of Kubrick's vision (suggested by the novel by Anthony Burgess) was undeniable. Coming out in the midst of a national debate about the effects of violence on the screen, A Clockwork Orange was banned by several local authorities.

There could hardly be greater contrast between this film and Barry Lyndon, a long, elegantly mounted but dramatically low-key version of a minor Thackeray novel of the same title. Nor was Kubrick's reputation enhanced by The Shining (1980); a disappointingly indulgent excursion into the horror genre, and when, after another five-year gap, he started work on a new picture, Full Metal Jacket, a return to form seemed overdue. In this film, which was released in 1987. Kubrick returned to the theme of the brutalising effects of militarism and war, in what was an unsparing adaptation of a Gustav Hasford novel.

It went some way towards redeeming his reputation, though it was generally regarded as lacking the subtlety and compassion of his earlier Paths of Glory.

Opinion was by this time divided on Kubrick's overall merits. His detractors thought him fussy and pretentious, while to his considerable army of admirers he was simply one of the cinema's great talents. Kubrick liked to enshroud himself in mystery and at the time of his death had been working on a new film, Eyes Wide Shut, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. for the past two years. It is due to be released in July.

Stanley Kubrick was three times married and is survived by his wife Christiane and by three daughters.



Kubrick: technically he was master of his craft and possessed a striking visual sense

#### THE EMIR OF BAHRAIN

#### Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain since 1961, died after a heart attack on March 6 aged 65. He was born on June 3. 1933.

n a 37-vear stewardship of his country, 27 of them as Emir tollowing Bah-Sheikh isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa had steered his country through a series of crises of the sort that are endemic in a small state surrounded by powerful and often volatile neighbours and subject to fluctuating oil prices. Bahrain had been the first Gulf state to find oil in the 1930s, but its small reserves soon dwindled. It was Sheikh Isa's principal achievement to build a future for Bahrain which emancipated his country from this shrinking asset.

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Sheikh isa based his strategy for Bahrain's future prosperity on the island's traditional position as a trading centre. He encouraged the development of banking, in which he was helped by the internal instability of Lebanon and the israeli invasion of the country which damaged its position.

Over a period of twenty years panking became the major source of Bahrain's prosperity. Under Sheikh Isa's rule the economy of Bahrain also diversified immensely, to include mining and heavy industries. shipbuilding and iron and steel production, as well as a aluminium smelter which has made the country the region's largest producer. He always said that his greatest single contribution to the island's prosperity was the 16-mile causeway, opened in 1986, which now links Bahrain

to Saudi Arabia. In foreign policy, Sheikh Isa forged close links with the West particularly America. which used Bahrain as a base for the US Fifth Fleet during



Sheikh Isa: steered his country skilfully between its neighbours

the Gulf War of 1991, drawing the fire of Iraqi Scud missiles down on the island. Relations with both Iraq and Iran were consistently uneasy. In common with other Gulf states. Bahrain had supported Iraq during the Iran-Iraq conflict of 1980-88. But the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990 put an end to this fragile relationship and propelled Bahrain firmly into

the arms of America. Relations with Iran were similarly volatile, reflecting the tensions within Bahrain itself. The Bahrain government repeatedly accused Iranof fomenting trouble among its Shia Muslim population. which represents a slender majority in a country in which Sunni Muslims are nevertheless dominant - and provide the royal family.

Under Sheikh Isa Bahrain

autocracy. There was a flirtation with democracy in the 1970s, with elections to a national assembly. But it was a short-lived experiment and the emir soon reverted to

personal rule. Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa was the son of Sheikh Sulman bin Hamad al-Khalifa who had reigned over Bahrain as a British protectorate since 1942. He came to the throne in 1961. only six years after nationalist opponents had tried to unseat. his father, and with the tide of republican Nasserism still flowing strongly throughout the region.

His father had used the oil revenues to institute a full welfare state system of free health and education services. But by 1961 the oil wells were nearly dry and the islands were heavily populated by a remained a traditional Arab demographically young and

literate population, divided almost equally between Shia and Sunni Muslims. Unemployment was incipient. Purthermore, an Iranian claim to Bahrain, pursued since the 19th century, was inhibiting foreign investment and the people were highly susceptible to the trumpet blasts of subvercapitals, characterising the ruling family as spendthrift creatures of British imperialism.

Against this background, Sheikh Isa was under some pressure from his British protectors to inaugurate democratic and administrative reform. However, his preferred method was the traditional Arab way of direct contact between ruler and people. His open council was available to all Bahrainis every day of the week, and he moved freely and without guards among his people. in the late 1960s and early

1970s his skills were tested to the utmost. In May and June 1967. Bahrain, like the whole Arab world, was gripped by war fever which culminated in the disaster to Arab arms of the June war. In Bahrain the presence of a British military base was additionally inflammatory. Sheikh Isa maintained control of the situation and personally saved the British Political Agency from being sacked by an angry crowd by singlehandedly compelling them to disperse. Foreign businessmen visiting the islands at the time were persuaded to go ahead with investment plans by the evidence of basic stability at a moment of

such high tension.
Within months of this crisis subsiding Sheikh Isa was confronted with the abrupt decision of the British Government to terminate the protective treaties with Bahrain at the end of 1971. This came as a profound shock, especially since the Iranian claim was

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She left £20,000 to The International Fund for Animal Welfare.
George Duncan Nicholson Milne, of Surbiton, Surrey, left

estate valued at £1,099,515 net.

still unsettled and the economy had become dangerously dependent on the income and employment emanating from the substantial British military presence.

He went along with the

desire of the other Gulf rulers

for a federation but be private-

ly believed, rightly as it turned tually have to go it alone. He co-operated with the United Nations exercise which, in 1970, brought about a settlement of the Iranian claim, while his government made strenuous efforts to stimulate the flagging economy. On August 15, 1971, Bahrain achieved its independence and became a member of the Arab League and the United Nations. The storms had been weathered and the oil boom of the 1970s brought unprecedented prosperity to the island as offshore and other businesses chose Bahrain for their head-

congenial location in the Southern Gulf. In the years to come, Sheikh Isa's foreign policy reflected the consensual nature of his domestic policy. He knew that a small and strategically placed country with a volatile population needs to have powerful friends and to avoid making dangerous enemies He kept close to the centre of the Arab consensus on emotive issues such as Palestine and chose Saudi Arabia as his main protector. Under his genial exterior, Sheikh Isa concealed a shrewd and sceptical intelligence. Many a pompous visiting grandee, departing purring at the warmth of his reception, would have been surprised to hear the caustic comments made to the intimates who had stayed behind.

Late in 1972 a new constitution was promulgated, providing for direct elections to a national assembly, and these took place in the following

year. But the democratic experiment did not last. In 1975 the Prime Minister resigned, complaining that the assembly was obstructing new legislation. Later in the year the assembly was dissolved by decree.

Externally, the longstanding friction with Iran continto cose the great to Bahrain's internal stability. The 1979 Iranian revolution brought new unease about possible future Iranian claims. In 1981 more than 70 Bahrainis were arrested after a plot to overthrow the Government, with alleged help from Iran was discovered Such plots were to continue to come to light throughout the decade and the one following, and there was repeated agitation from the Shia population to restore the National Assembly. When, in December 1994, a Muslim cleric. Ali Salman Ahmad Salman, was arrested for voicing these claims, there quarters as being the most was widespread rioting throughout Bahrain, particularly in the Shia districts.

The Emir was compelled to promise to extend the powers of Bahrain's Consultative Council, but this did not appease the reformers. Riots continued into 1995, with a number of deaths. Later that year, a report by

Amnesty International concluded that as many as 1,500 demonstrators remained in detention. In all this, relations with Iran fluctuated between out-and-out hostility and the establishment of ambassadorial relations.

Deeply conservative by nature, Sheikh Isa regarded all change as being potentially for the worse and distrusted alien institutions such as parliaments and bureaucracies.

There were ten children of his marriage, in 1949, to his cousin, Hasa. His eldest son. Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Kha-

#### **DENNIS VIOLLET**

Dennis Viollet, former Manchester United footballer, died on March 6 at his home in Jacksonville. Florida, of cancer aged 65. He was born on September 20, 1933.

IT MAY seem anomalous to say that Dennis Viollet was past his peak when he set onship goalscoring record in 1959-60. But this was the opinion of the Welsh coach Jimmy Murphy, who took control of the club for some time after the Munich air crash of February 1958, in which Viollet was one of the lucky survivors The Manchester United side was on its way back from a European Cup tie in Belgrade against Red Star, in which Viollet had scored a characteristically cool goal. But Murphy's view was

that, though Viollet did survive the crash and play on for vears to come, he was never to be quite the same player again. This may go some way to explain why, to the great disappointment of his Manchesier United fans, he won only two caps for the England international team, though these, perhaps ironically, came after the Munich air disaster.

One of them was gained in 1960, in Budapest, against Hungary. The other came in a somewhat meaningless qualifying match for the 1962 World Cup against Luxembourg. Viollet, like the other England forwards, made hay.

Dennis Viollet joined United as a teenager and quickly developed into an inside left whose pace, opportunism and strength compensated for the fact that he stood only 5ft Sins. He made sporadic appearances for Manchester United until, despite its apparent marginality, he took part in what turned out to be a significant midweek friendly game at Kilmarnock in Octo-

ber 1953, Matt Busby, always ready to gamble on youth with his Busby Babes, that day preferred Viollet to the celebrated inside left Stan Pearson. United won 3-0 and Busby kept Viollet and two other young stars. Jackie Blanchflower and Duncan Edwards, in the team for the subsequent league game at

Viollet appeared in the 1958 Cup Final at Wembley against Bolton Wanderers, even though, since the Munich crash, he had played only a couple of first team games. He won a league championship medal with United in 1956-57 and was a notable performer in their various challenges for the European Cup. Indeed, when in 1956 they

thrashed Anderlecht of Belgium 10-0 in Manchester, Viollet had three goals before half time and another in the second half. In 1961, however, United

somewhat unexpectedly let him go to Stoke City where he continued to the end of his career. In 291 games he had scored 178 goals for Manchester United; for Stoke he was to make another 182 appearances scoring 59 times. Later, he coached Crewe

Alexandra, Presion North End and, in the United States, the Washington Diplomats. Latterly he had lived in the United States. He is survived by his wife

and children.



#### Daniel Raymond Massey, the actor, of London SWIS, left estate valued at £387,216 net. Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell,

Deal, Kent, left estate valued at £102.091 net. The Downger Countess of Radnor, of Alderbury, Salisbury. Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1,080,853 net. Sir Robert McCrindle, of Upminster, Essex, left estate valued at £477,258 net. Ann Cain, of Cheisea, London

SW3, left estate valued at £3,533,329 net. E-0.0.0. And Hell-She in St Danstun's Council for the Projection of Rural England, and the Salvaire. Army: ELORO each to RAF Benevolent Fund. Anny Benevolent Fund. and King George's Fund for Saitors. Thomas Andrew Elion, of London NW8, left estate valued at £2,002,856 met. He left £2,000 to De French Memorial Heme of Funching London, N2 John Michael Hignett, of Clipston, Market Harborhugh, Leicestershire, left estate halved at £2,167,297 net.

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don N20, left estate valued at £2,129,457 net Robert Foster Barbour, retired research chemist, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £1,008,468 net. Joan Dickinson, of Orford, Sevenoaks, Kent, left estate

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Kathleen Gomersall, of Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,144,804 net.

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> Staplegrove, Somerset, left es-

tate valued at £1.471,475 net.

Midhurst, West Sussex. left

#### **HOME RULE: NO** COERCION

WESTMINSTER, Wednesday The Irish debate in the House of Commons tonight culminated in an organised "scene". Mr Redmond [a champion of Home Rule] regarded the Prime Minister's reply to the nationalist demand for an immediate settlement on the basis of Home Rule as so unsatisfactory that he declined to take any further part in the debate, and led his followers from the Chamber. MR LLOYD GEORGE'S declaration was to the effect that the Government were prepared to grant Home Rule now to that part of Ireland which clearly demanded it, but that they could not take any action to force Home Rule on the part

to which it was repugnant ...
Two hours had passed latter the start of the Irish debate before the PRIME MINISTER intervened to state the policy of the Government. He opened on the note that a settlement which would be acceptable to the people of Ireland as a whole would be welcomed with delight by the rest of the United Kingdom.
"We must face facts," the Prime Minister

insisted. The fundamental facts, in his ent, were that centuries of ruthless and often brutal injustice had driven hatred of

#### ON THIS DAY

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Irish affairs had been prominent in Parliament since Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill in 1886. The third one became law in 1914, but would only come into effect at the end of the war. Growing militancy by Nationalists and Unionists killed it off.

British rule into the very marrow of the trish

race, and that in the north-eastern part of Ireland the population was as hostile to Irish rule as the rest of the population was to British rule. These fundamental facts raised two questions. Were the people of this country prepared to confer self-government on those parts of Ireland which unmistakably demanded it? Were the people of this country prepared to force the population of the north-eastern corner to submit to government by a population with which they were completely out of sympathy? He answered the first question in the affirmative and the second in

The Nationalists became noisily impatient as the Prime Minister proceeded to define the attitude of the Government. He put the points more clearly in a second speech, and the effect of it can be stated here. The Covernment were prepared to grant Home Rule immediately to that part of Ireland that clearly demanded it. They could not take any action to force Home Rule on the part of Ireland to which it was repugnant . . . In order to make the standpoint of the Government clear, the Prime Minister moved an amendment welcoming any settlement which did not involve the coercion of any part of the Irish people. Although the Prime Minister's manner throughout was conciliaten, the Nationalists greated the end of his sneech with icers.

MR ASQUITH followed and asked with all solemnity if a united effort could not be made to throw off the Irish burden. While fully recognizing the difficulties of the situation, he made a practical contribution to the debate He declared that the only practicable course was to invoke the intervention of some outside and impartial authority and trust to it the task of adjustment as between all the interests and sentiments concerned

### THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### 'Kitchen table' Toryism launched

■ In a striking shift of thinking. William Hague has ordered all members of his Shadow Cabinet to adopt a new political approach known as "kitchen table conservatism".

The leadership will focus on core issues known to be of central importance to the electorate and address those subjects in similarly direct language. Shadow Cabinet members have been told that they must stop attempting to defend the last Conserva-.. Page 1 tive Government...

#### Stanley Kubrick dies, aged 70

■ Stanley Kubrick, the reclusive and obsessive film director behind 2001: A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange, died yesterday at his home in Hertfordshire, aged 70. A doctor was called to Childwickbury Manor, where Mr Rubrick lived with his wife Christiane....

The world's longest balloon journey came to an abrupt end yesterday when the all-British Cable & Wireless balloon team were forced to ditch into the ocean off ....Page 1 the coast of Japan....

Holiday bobby a hero A British policeman on holiday in America became the hero of a New York crime drama at the weekend when he dodged a bullet to catch two bandits in central Manhattan....

**Divorce meetings** Ministers are to go ahead with a shake-up of divorce laws to bring in controversial meetings for part-

ing couples, after research

showed the sessions can rescue

thousands of marriages....Page 2 Feathers fly over bird A rare Illiger macaw is at the centre of a custody row after being bought by a bogus company in a television "sting" that backfired on programme-makers.....Page 5

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A magazine for women who write, which has received £70,000 of lottery funding, has been criticised by the female literati for its "unfortunate" title and outdated manifesto... ...Page 6

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A growing number of British paedophiles are travelling to Eastern Europe to buy youngsters for the ....Page 7 price of a burger...

Balloon journey ends Ashdown's last stand Paddy Ashdown urged the Liberal Democrats to have no limit in their ambition for power as he set his party on election footing for the last time as leader......Page 8

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Grandfather Mok, the last Khmer Rouge leader at large, was in custody in Phnom Penh amid indications that he will be put on trial as a scapegoat for the sins of the group ...... Page II

Colosseum unearthed The Hollywood image of the Colosseum as a bare arena covered in the blood of beasts, gladiators and Christians is mistaken, according to a German and Italian

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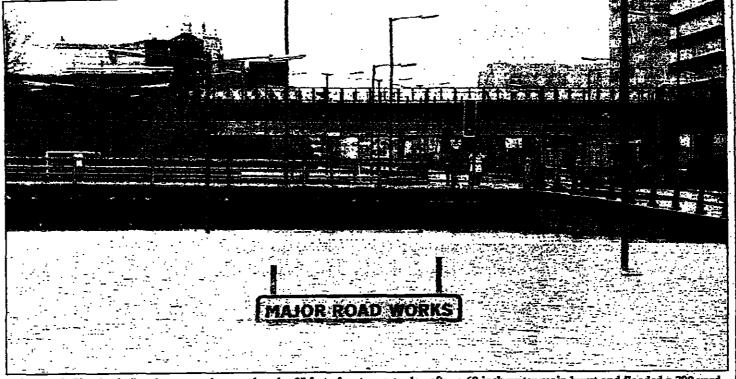
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#### Bahrain ruler dies

Another Middle East nation has seen the transition of power from father to eldest son, this time in Bahrain, whose ruler, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, died over the weekend .....

#### Headless lover may sue over 'outing'

The "headless man" at the centre of one of Britain's most sensational divorce scandals is threatening legal action against a biographer who intends to reveal his identity. Michael Thornton, who has been working on a biography of the late Duchess of Argyll for 13 years, has received more than a dozen letters from lawyers acting on behalf of the man.....



The North Circular in London was submerged under 25 feet of water yesterday after a 60-inch water main burst and flooded a 300-yard stretch between Harrow Rd and Hanger Lane. Police fear the bridge might collapse and do not expect the road to reopen for many days

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EMI takes the biscuit: Eric Nicoli, chief executive of United Biscuits, is the surprise choice to succeed Sir Colin Southgate as executive chairman of EMI .... ...... Page 48

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Rover hopes: BMW has asked the Government for aid for its Longbridge plant, but there is no guarantee that a planned Rover car will be built in Birmingham ...... Page 48

New world: There has been a growing realisation that the welfare state cannot solve all ills. But people seem more inclined to embrace social problems as their own. Millionare Torquil Norman and heiress Sabrina Guinness are helping disadvantaged children.....Page 15

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#### Visual art giory: The great benefactor Paul Mellon would have loved his beautifully refurbished Yale Centre for British Art, says Richard Cnok.

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Italy for the disaster a year ago in which 20 people died when an American plane sheered through the wire of a cable car. The fact remains that the pilot was acquitted. The episode has revealed the patronising arrogance of the US and has led to demands in Italy for US and Nato bases to be closed down. This is not the America we love, and this shoddy and unacceptable verdict does not reflect the values that Nato was set up to defend. La Repubblica, Rome

Proview: John Thaw returns with the legal drama Kavanagh QC (ITV 9pm) Review The nation's general knowledge, or lack of, occupies Paul Hoggart ..... Pages 46, 47

#### Boring and simple

Mr Brown would be wise to play safe, even be dull, in tomorrow's Budget. He should confirm existing plans, rather than change them, and hope that his experiment in monetary policy will continue to pay dividends .....

#### How to spend it

There is a new confidence among those using their money and skills for charity that is one of the great goods of the current age .... Page 21

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Trapped in traffic tailbacks, Alpine holidaymakers may muli over the wisdom of taking to the mountains on a peak weekend... .....Page 21

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#### PETER SHORE

What Britain and the Government need is not the launch of an expensive pre-referendum campaiga, disguised as a purely technical Nation . al Changeover Plan, but a total rethink of our whole position on Eu-...Page 20

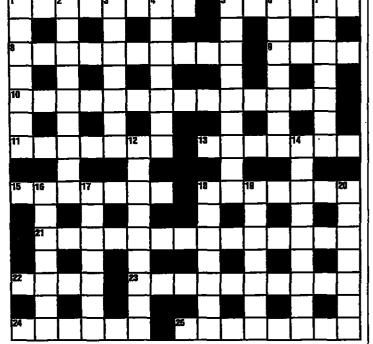
#### ANNA BLUNDY

The community of sons and daughters of eminent Russians in London. has become so large that Moscow, gossip-columns are now full of stories from Knightsbridge.... Page 24

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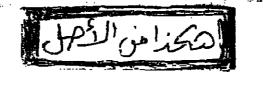
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### MANAGERS PAY HEAVY PRICE FOR TRIFLING WITH FA CUP



Nil-nil desperandum: the dismissals of Di Matteo, left, and Scholes, right, added to the cost of the FA Cup stalemate at Old Trafford yesterday for the likes of Vialli

## Semi-detached rivals left to rue unwanted extension

THROUGH gritted teeth and laboured smiles, Alex Fergu-son and Gianluca Vialli paid lip-service to the importance of living to fight another day in the FA Cup. When they could hide their disappointment no longer, though, their thoughts wandered to the only team who can still deprive them of a title that they hold more dear. By their scowis yesterday, it was clear that they were thinking about Arsène Wenger

cracking open a bottle of fizzy water and toasting his old sparring partner, fixture congestion. This was the day when the FA Cup exacted its revenge on Manchester Unit-ed and Chelsea. In the past, they have man-

aged to get away with their callous treatment of the famous old competition, riding along on their pragmatism and their shadow sides, grabbing late winners or losing gallantly, but always, always, avoiding that worst of all fates, the Scylla and Charybdis of modern

football: the replay. Ferguson, in particular, has often joked about his horror of not deciding a cup-tie at the first attempt, of wild plans to send Peter Schmeichel up with the forwards for the last five minutes if the match was in the icy grip of deadlock. The Manchester United manager stopped short of that yesterday, but, in desperation, he did bring some of the heroes of the win against Internazionale off the bench for the last 20 inutes of this quarter-final By then, it was too late. The



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replay will take place at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, which means that United have to sacrifice their scheduled FA Carling Premiership match against Liverpool at Anfield and Chelsea their game against Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium.

Worse, both sides had a player sent off for two rather innocuous offences, which means that Roberto Di Matteo and Paul Scholes will miss a game in the

championship run-in. "We have got fewer games to play than Chelsea and Arsenal," Ferguson said. 'If anything, it is worse for Chelsea than us, because they will find that their games start to come thick and fast now. Arsenal are the ones who will really benefit from what happened today. They are probably the favourites to win the league now." Vialli agreed. "Both teams could have done

the winner at the end of the day is probably Arsenal, because now is a very decisive moment of the season and the fewer matches you play, the better," the Chelsea manager

That the FA Cup has become something of a frippery was evident when Ferguson left out Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole, the forwards who have been terrifying defences from Filbert Street to the Nou Camp, and played Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as the focal point of an unfamiliar formation that was as close as United have come to dispensing with their trusted 4-4-2. Somehow, it all seemed rather half-hearted and conservative. The match itself was untidy and

devoid of fluency. Phil Neville was used, to good effect, to man-mark Gianfranco Zola and stifle what remained of Chelsea's creativity, deprived as they were of Frank Leboeuf, Celestine Babayaro, Dennis Wise and Vialli himself. The result was a rather tetchy impasse, a game smothered by caution when it should have been liberated by the abandon of its lowly place in

the scheme of things. It was typical of the occasion that just when it seemed it might be cut loose from its bonds shortly before half-time, when Gary Neville had glanced a fine diving header against the face of Ed de Goey's right-hand post, it was killed stone dead by the sending-off of Di Matteo for an illjudged tackle on Scholes that compounded his earlier mistimed challenge on Beckham

It is hard to criticise Paul Durkin, the referee, because, taken individually, both were bookable offences. There was no malice in either challenge



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and common sense should have allowed the Italian to stay on the pitch. In a refereeing culture where the officials are punished for such diversions into sentiment, though, Durkin had little option but to administer the letter of the

The same applied to the dismissal of Scholes four minutes from the end for a similarly innocuous tackle on Goldback. By then, the game was all but over anyway. Chelsea, who managed just one shot on

target in the game, a first-half curler from Morris that was saved easily by Schmeichel, had decided that a draw was the best they could achieve with ten men and defended so well that they earned it.

In its pursuit. De Goey and Marcel Desailly were outstanding. The Dutch goalkeeper made his first important save in the fifth minute. hurling himself to his right to parry a stinging drive by Keane and then doing just enough to distract

Le Saux, by the way, behaved impeccably in the face of the all too predictable baiting from the crowd. Spare a thought, too, for Beckham, who was also taunted. He did not fling out his elbows or lose his temper, but who among the outraged chat-show and phone-in bosts and the new football intelligentsia will take up his cause?

Scholes as he ran on to Beck-ham's delightful lob over the

Chelsea defence six minutes

later. Beckham should have

scored himself five minutes

after half-time, but he lifted

his shot high over the bar from

ten yards after Scholes pulled

De Goey came to the rescue

the ball back from the byline.

again in the 58th minute, when Solskjaer's first-time ball freed Scholes. De Goey

managed to block his shot and

Beckham snatched at the

Midway through the half,

rebound and pulled it wide.

Scholes, whom Ferguson sin-

gled out for his profligacy, put

a shot into the side-netting at full stretch and, 13 minutes

from the end, De Goey frus-

trated United one last time,

turning Scholes's touch over

the bar after Yorke's attempt

at an overhead kick had can-

noned off Le Saux. .

MANCHESTER UNITED (3-4-3): P Schmeichel — H Barg, P Neville (sub: D Yorke, 72mm), W Brown — G Neville, R Keane, P Scholes, D I leven — D Berichtem. O G Soleigier (sub: E Shennighem, 62), J Blomqvist (sub: A Cole, 82). Chelista (4-4-2) E de Gooy — A Ferrer, M Desaity, B Lambourde, G Le Saux — D Petrescu (sub E Nowton, 48), J Mons, R Dr. Mottera, B Colothesk — T A Pia (sub: M Fore-sell, 80), G Zola (sub: A Myers, 79).

#### **Dennis Viollet** dies at 65

Dennis Viollet, a member of the renowned Manchester United "Busby Babes" team of the Fifties, died at his home in the United States on Saturday after a long illness. He was 65.

Viollet, a prolific goalscorer, came through the nursery system that produced Duncan Edwards and Bobby Charlton.

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BASKETBALL

Finch fury

as greedy

Sharks fail

to show

their teeth

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

MORE often a man ruffled by

the performances of the refe-

rees than by his own team.

Chris Finch exhibited a shift in

behavioural patterns on Satur-

day when he vented his anger on the Sheffield Sharks. "In all

my time as coach, I have never

been so embarrassed by my

team's performance," Finch de-

clared after his squad had suf-fered a costly 84-77 defeat by

Twice in previous Budweis-

er League encounters this sea-

son, the Sharks have proved to

be too strong for the Leonards.

who also lost to them in the Na-

tional Cup final. Yet, when the

chance came to confirm their

supremacy over the champi-ons and retain the league's

joint-leadership with Man-

chester Giants, the Sharks

time, his squad is no longer in

control of its own destiny. "We

were greedy and mentally we

weren't up for it." His anger

vill be tempered, no doubt, if the Leopards repeat their victory against the Giants in Lon-

The Leopards will do well

then not to start as slowly as

they did against the Sharks.

their first nine three-point at-

who succeeded with seven of

It was a microcosm of everything we have done wrong this season," Finch continued, knowing that, for the first

slipped up badly.

don on Thursday.

Greater London Leopards.

#### Prada crew fail to take advantage in dress rehearsal

By Edward Gorman SAILING CORRESPONDENT

IN AN exciting final day to the Road to America's Cup Reggata on Waitemata Harbour in Auckland vesterday, the Italian Prada crew came within a whisker of defeating Team New Zealand, led by

Russell Courts.

After eliminating both
Dawn Riley's America True and Bertrand Pace's Le Defi in the opening round-robins, Prada had hoped to complete a nine-race final against the New Zealanders, who will defend the America's Cup proper in Auckland next year.

However, in the event light and unstable winds reduced the contest to just three races. In the first, Courts established a losec lead at the first mark and was never headed. In the second. Prada led from the start and finished more than two minutes ahead.

After a very aggressive prestart, in what turned out to be the deciding heat, the boats went up opposite sides of the first beat. At the first cross, Prada was a boat-length behind when the genoa halyard on Team New Zealand parted, sending the huge headsail tumbling on to the foredeck. Coun's crew recovered brilliantly and quickly re-hoisted the sail, but Prada's advantage was short-lived as they suffered the very same gear failure minutes later and rounded the mark

20sec behind. Coutts held on until 300 metres from the line, when the spinnaker on Team New Zealand exploded. Again. as the Italian boat crept up, the Kiwis were quick to repair the damage and they managed to finish just one metre ahead at

the gun.

The end of the week's racing in Auckland came amid reports that the Spirit of Britain syndicate that had been hoping to send a British boat to the America's Cup for the first time in 12 years has now given up hope of finding the necessary sponsorship. After optimistic suggestions ten days ago that £1.5 million had been found to enable one yacht to be built, there now appear to be problems securing the finance and

building has not started. in the Around Alone Race. J. P. Mouligne, of France, in Crar Valley, was on course to complete his third back-toback leg win in Class Z as he headed towards the finish at Punte del Este. Mike Garside, of Great Britain, in Magellan Alpha, was in second place, 115 miles behind.

#### David Powell sees British athletes lay claim to indoor greatness

## Medals delivered right on time

LIKE Japanese trains ~ never Great Britain's gold medal express performed to the highest standards of reliability here in the seventh world indoor championships.

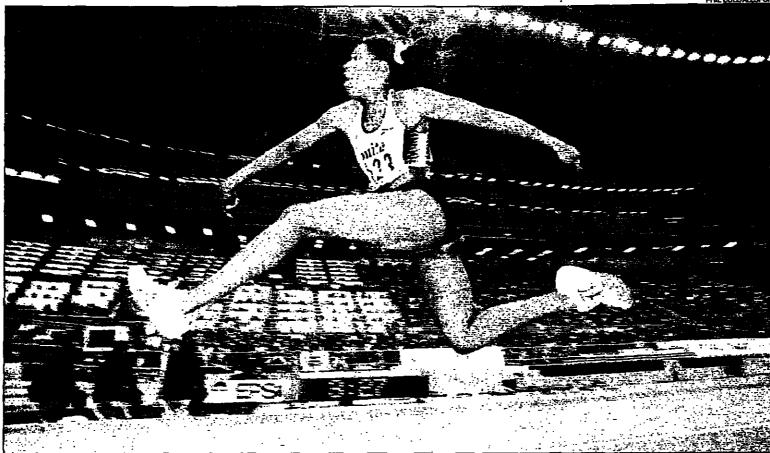
In the closing session yesterday. Ashia Hansen and Jamie Baulch achieved victories that elevated the British team to a place among the top four nations, after Colin Jackson's win on the opening day. The golden glow, which accompanied Britain's athletes through unprecedented success at the European championships in Budapest last sum-mer, shines on.

One more gold and Britain would have finished top. Four countries collected three each, but the United States, Romania and Germany occupied the leading places, scoring better than Britain on the minor medals. Nevertheless, it was the most that Britain's team of few stars could have hoped for. Only Jackson, of Britain's seven individual champions from Budapest, was here.

This was not only the best gold-medal haul by Britain in the history of these championships, but, in one go. Jackson. Baulch and Hansen equalled the total number of victories from the previous six. Jason Gardener was left admonishing himself for failing to win the gold that would have clinched Britain's place at the top of the world, but, by this morning, he should reflect that he was being harsh on

Gardener was third in the 60 metres, breaking Linford Christie's European record with 6.46sec. He chased home the two cannonballs from Kansas City, Maurice Greene, the world record-holder, and Tim Harden.

"I fell out my blocks," Gardener complained. "I had a good chance of winning and I am disappointed." Greene clocked 6.42sec, Harden



Hansen, the world indoor record-holder, strides confidently down the runway on her way to achieving victory in the triple jump

tempt. It was a wasted effort.

with a towering performance, Baulch the 400 metres with assertive front-running. What a sequence for Wales: gold for Jackson on Friday, victory over France in the rugby on Saturday, Baulch's triumph on Sunday.

Ashia, queen of Asia. Only six months ago, Hansen won the Commonwealth Games title in Kuala Lumpur and now, on the same continent, she has won again. Hansen is the world indoor record-holder and she wasted no time in stamping her authority, firm evidence that the heel injury that kept her out of Budanest

Hansen's first jump was her winning one - 15.02 metres. Only once before, when she set her world record of 15.16 metres to win the European title last winter, had Hansen cleared 15 metres indoors.

"I wanted to put pressure on the others early," she said. Iva Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, and Sarka Kasparkova, of the Czech Republic, responded to the challenge, both setting national records, but both fell marginally short.

Prandzheva was second with 14.94 metres. Kasparkova third with 14.87 metres. When

Hansen with her last effort, jumped. I will never he happy with the distances. I shall the Briton, jumping last, was assured of the gold. Instead of always be craving for more." celebrating instantly, she main-Christie may have lost a tained her composure to try for European record, but he has gained a world champion. the world record on her final at-

although bringing a bottle of won the title that eluded him two years ago. Coming off the bend towards the end of the champagne out from England was not. This was her third first lap, Baulch had to surge successive championship victory — worthy of a toast. to lead at the bell. Hansen believes that there "I got to the bell first, which crucial indoors," Baulch said. "If you do not dominate

is more in the bottle, as far as her performances go. "I was the world indoor champion, by that point, your chance of success is limited." He took but I still wanted a bigger dis-Milton Campbell, of the Unitance." Hansen said. "That is why I kept my concentration after Kasparkova had ted States, the runner-up, by

bell said.

the second lap, Baulch eased up, determined not to repeat his mistake of the last world Baulch, coached by Christie,

Down the back straight, on indoor championships when, giving too much too soon, he finished second. Christie's role has been criti-

cal, "My mental power is so much better, thanks to Linford," Baulch said. "I am not scared any more." Christie also coached the belief into Darren Campbell to become the European 100 metres champion last summer. Any more to come? As surely as

tempts. Three were converted by Todd Cauthorn. Those shots simply swished through the hoop, but, with only four subsequent successes from 27 shots, the Sharks struggled to

stay ahead

Their 18-9 lead had been reduced to 55-53 at half-time. thanks largely to the efforts of Peter Deppisch, whose 28 points included five threepointers. Tim Moore, who supported Deppisch in a 10-0 blast midway through the third quarter, finished with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Another dozen rebounds came from

Robert Youngblood.
"We wanted to make the second half like a heavyweight boxing match and see who would be left standing at the end," Billy Mimms, the Leop-

ards coach, said. The Giants kept up their title pursuit by overcoming Newcastle Eagles, 94-92. Tony Dorsey sank the two decisive free throws for the Giants, taking his tally to 21, one more than Chris Fite's total for the Eagles.

Some way behind the top two are Thames Valley Tigers. whose win over Milton Keynes Lions saw the expulsion of Andre Alleyne, the visiting coach.

### Golden Gebrselassie upsets the apple cart

HAILE GEBRSELASSIE said, jokingly, last week — or perhaps he was half-serious beneath his beaming smile - that, if he won the 1,500 metres here, he might go for the 800 metres next time. Where will the boundaries finally be drawn for this extraordinary Ethiopian? He intends to run also a marathon with world record intent one day.

Unleashing finishing speed that put the specialists to shame. Gebrselassie added the 1.500 metres title yesterday to the 3,000 gold medal he had won on Friday. Yet this is an athlete who dominates the 10,000 metres, winning the past three world titles and the gold medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

Pity poor Laban Rotich, of Kenya.

who finished second. For once, Hicham El Guerrouj, who had dominated the L500 metres of late, was out of the way. Then, like a fox in a chicken pen, Gebrselassie turns up where he is not supposed to be. Trailing Rotich off the final bend, Gebrselassie sprinted by to win in 3min 33.77sec.

"One gold medal in a championship is ordinary," Gebrselassie said, grinning, "I wanted to be different." Only as different as Gabriela Szabo this time. Szabo. from Romania, completed the same double, winning the 3,000 metres in 8min 36.42sec yesterday, having taken the 1,500 metres title on Saturday. Szabo may have some way to go to

match Gebrselassie's achievements.

but she is building an impressive

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN MAEBASHI, JAPAN

portfolio. She is the 5,000 metres world champion outdoors and broke Liz McColgan's world indoor record for the distance last month.

The two world records from the three-day programme came in the last two events. Adding to the closing drama was a last-leap win by Ivan Pedroso, from Cuba, in the long jump. Russia set new world figures of 3min 24.25sec for the women's 4 by 400 metres relay and the United States followed suit in the men's race with 3min 2.83sec.

Poland set a European record of 3min 3.01sec for second place, with

Great Britain third in a national record of 3min 3.20sec. Allyn Condon came off worse in a physical en-counter with Piotr Haczek, from Poland, on the first leg. otherwise Jamie Baulch may have been con-

testing gold on the last. Solomon Wariso. Wariso, Britain's second-stage runner, was more than satisfied. "A new British record behind a world record and a European record - how can you complain in company like that?," he

Pedroso was going for a fourth successive title, previously achieved only by Mikhail Shchennikov, the Russian 5.000 metres walker. He led for five rounds, but, in the sixth and last, Yago Lamela, from Spain, leapt in front with 8.56 metres. Pedroso was having none of it. He responded with 8.62 metres.

First to hug him was Javier Sotomayor, his compatriot, who also won his fourth title, though not in succession. Sotomayor's high jump clearance of 2.36 metres beat Vyacheslav Voronin, from Russia, on countback.

In the 800 metres, reputation counted for nothing. Wilson Kipketer, the men's world record-holder and defending champion, was beaten by Johan Botha, from South Africa. In the women's race, Maria Mutola, failing in her bid for a fourth successive title, was passed on the final straight by Ludmila Formanova, of the Czech Republic.

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### **SPORT**

teelers and Nottingham Panthers will contest the BBC Challenge Cup final in two weeks. The Steelers beat Manchester Storm, the Sekonda Superleague champions, 3-1 in the second leg of their semi-final vesterday, winning 8-1 on aggregate, Nottingham Panthers drew at home with Cardiff Devils 2-2 yesterday. but qualified for the final on a 6-5 aggregate.

won the World Cup super-giant slalom race at Lillehammer yesterday. The Olympic and world champion clocked Imin 30.70sec as Austria took first, second and third places, with Stefan Eberharter second in lmin 31.17sec and Andreas Schifferer third in Imin 31.29sec. Maier's win — his fourth this season — not only left him certain of winning the World Cup super-giant slalom title but also saw him overhaul Kjetil-Andre Aamodt and Lasse Kius, both of Norway, at the head of the overall standings. Malinina, of Uzbekistan, was

the surprise winner of the women's title at the International Skating Union grand prix final. Maria Butryskaya, the double European champion, of Russia, was second. Alexei Yagudin, of Russia, won the men's event, with Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsiannikov, his compatriots, winning in the ice dance eveni.

BOWLS: Colchester won the national inter-club championship for the first time in Exeter on Saturday. They lifted the trophy after beating Croydon 97-67 in the

### Lara receives dressing-down from rampant Australia

CRICKET: WEST INDIES' STANDARDS CONTINUE TO FALL IN FIRST TEST

THEY were serving, with typically spicy Trinidadian sauce, "Lazarus lunch with Viagra dessert" at the Queen's Park Oval here yesterday, but it was going to take more than that to raise West Indies from the depths to which they have

sunk.

If Australia had thought that England sometimes provided feeble opposition during the recent Ashes tour, it was best not to inquire what they felt about the efforts of the motley crew at Brian Lara's disposal at the critical stages of this first Test.

There have been a couple of occasions when West Indies have appeared capable of competing with the side that knocked them off their perch

Scoreboard...

four years ago and have since gone on to claim their title of the best Test team in the world.

On the first day, they had them in trouble at 118 for five, but, with Courtney Walsh and Curthy Ambrose showing their advancing years, they could not complete the job and a last-wicket stand of 66 between Jason Gillespie and Glenn McGrath lifted them to a total of 269.

On the second day, they had the spectators dancing in the stands as Lara, showing a tantalising glimpse of what an inspiring captain he could be. and the newly capped Dave Joseph took the initiative from Australia with a rousing third-wicket stand of 88, but they let them down cruelly

FROM PAT GIBSON IN PORT OF SPAIN

with a batting collapse that surpassed even England's spectacular standards in 12 overs, they contrived to

lose their last seven wickets for 18 runs to the pace of McGrath and the leg spin of Stuart MacGill. The last five wickets fell without a run being scored from the bat, the only four runs added coming from a ball by MacGill that went for

In the circumstances, it is hard not to feel some sympathy for the unfortunate Lara. He does make life difficult for himself by his apparent inability to conform to the standards required of a West Indies captain, which mani-

fests itself in all kinds of little

Here, for instance, members of his own Queen's Park Club, obeying the strict dress code in the pavilion with their smart sports shirts and slacks, shook their heads sadly as their fallen idol padded off to

the dining room in bare feet. On the field, however, there does not seem to be much that he can do about the crisis. The bowling by their old lights is looking increasingly mundane and it is not going to improve until the venerable Walsh or Ambrose, or both, are put our

As for the batting, Joseph, a

### Flintoff provides touch of class

NEWLANDS (fourth day of five): UCB President's XI. with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 298 runs to beat England A

ENGLAND A should complete their second victory on South African soil today, although they would have expected to require fewer than the seven wickets still needed on the final day against the President's XI (Thrasy Petropoulos writes).

Set 440 to win, the President's XI lost three early wickets, including the crucial one of Boeta Dippennar, leg-before to the last ball before tea. However, England A failed to

make an impression in the final session, with Martin van Jaarsveld and Finley Brooker rarely tested in an unbroken

ship is likely to prove of nui-sance value only. Steve Harmison, who removed both openers, should also prove awk-

With the pitch taking considerable turn, that partner-

ward on the fifth-day surface. With a lead of 293 and six wickets in hand overnight, Andrew Flintoff provided the impetus again. Resuming on 21 not out, he hit four sixes and seven fours in his 109-ball innings of 80, taking his first-class aggregate for the tour to 542 runs.

made a decent start to his Test career, but, as long as Shivnarine Chanderpaul is injured and Carl Hooper unavailable, Lara is the only player of real class. When one legendary West Indian, who had better remain nameless, was asked if some of the batsmen in the present squad were over the hill he said: "No, they never even got up the hill."

By the third day, the gulf between these two teams seemed to be insurmountable. It took McGrath only one over to wrap up West Indies' first innings, his sixth ball sending Mervyn Dillon's off stump cartwheeling. He had made his highest Test score of 39 on Saturday and now he completed his twelfth five-wicket haul in Tests, his fourth against West Indies.

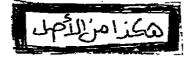
The once vibrant crowd was down to half its size of the first two days and, if the theory that the absentees were all in church was correct, their prayers were answered when showers twice held up proceed-

Even they provided only temporary respite, however, for the sagging West Indies. Walsh did have Matthew Elliott, driving recklessly, caught at second slip for a duck and Dillon had Jason Langer caught behind for 24. but Michael Slater, reaching 50 off 120 balls, and Mark Waugh built remorselessly on Australia's advantage.

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## Irvine laps up luck and overdue taste of glory

FROM KEVIN EASON IN MELBOURNE

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER jumped impatiently into his hire car for the getaway while two Ferrari mechanics pushed a pile of tyres between the knot f people gathered long after the rest of Formula One had set off for the airport. At the centre of the group of hangersentertaining Eddie Irvine, dressed in abright red Ferrari sweatshirt, sipped from a can of beer and slipped his arm around the next blonde who wanted her picture taken with today's grand prix hero. When you have waited six years and 82 races for victory, you can afford to savour it for a while.

The Ulsterman, who has carved out a career as the best No 2 driver in Formula One, discovered vesterday how to become the No I. Luck was. powerfully, on his side in the season-opening Australian Grand Prix. At the start of the day, you would have been hard-pressed to find anyone willing to bet on Irvine, such was the speed of the McLarens of Mika Hakkinen, in pole position, and David Coulthard, while Schumacher sat ominously in third place on the grid - except, that is, for a red-haired, freckled youth, on holiday from his native Kerry, who had put Aus \$20 on his

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countryman. He ignored Irvine's dismal practice days and a qualifying performance that put him only sixth on the grid, but perhaps he understood more about the alarming vagaries of Formula One than the rest of the 120,000 crowd. When he

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bars that crowd Fitzroy Street.

The Stewart-Fords

his way to victory.

spare car, but had to start outside the Albert Park circuit. from the pitlane, while Herbert was forced to miss out he will probably contemplate completely.

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the extraordinary circumstances that helped Irvine on The restart was a calamity for Schumacher, who could of not find first gear and was Rubens Barrichello and Johnforced to start from the back of ny Herbert, for example, grid, apparently handing the which looked so competitive, race to the McLaren-Merboth burst into flames as they waited for the start. Barrichelcedes, which showed speed well beyond the pack all week-end. However, the German's lo, fourth on the grid, took the

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arts were merely precursors to Hill could not make it beyond the third turn in his Jordan, spinning off after being tapped from behind by a Prost-Peugeot, while Jean Alesi's Sauber did not even get off the

Irvine, meanwhile, made an aggressive start, pulling up to third place through the gap richello. Schumacher, characteristically, carved his way through the field, but how could even he catch Hakkinen? The world champion, in a dominant car and protected by the patrolling Coulthard in secand place, looked invincible. There was not long to find

out, as the action came thick and fast after Jacques Villeneuve, in his new British American Racing car, crashed out spectacularly on lap No 13. He was unhurt, but his stationary car and debris on the track forced stewards to send out the safety car, bunching up the field and destroying the gap from Hakkinen to Irvine of 18.Isec and to Schumacher.

then in seventh, of 37sec. At that moment, Coulthard discovered that his transmission was jammed in sixth gear. Disconsolately, he oulled into the garage.

The defining moment was to come when the safety car was called out a second time after Alex Zanardi's first grand prix for Williams came to an abrupt end in a safety barrier. Hakkinen seemed to have been caught napping by the trailing livine as soon as the safety car was recalled, but a steady stream passing the McLaren signalled that the world champion was in serilinkage failure and did no more than trundle round until lap No 21, when he realised that his car was not going to cure itself. The Finn allowed himself a rueful smile as he followed his team-mate into the garage.

By now, Irvine was streaking clear of Heinz-Harald Frentzen's Jordan and facing only one serious threat - from He had closed to within 2sec of the leading group, knowing that there would be no battle with the race leader and expecting no less than victory - Irvine is under contract to give way to him and would have had to pull over as soon as he saw Schumacher in his wing mirrors.

This time, though, Schu-macher was to suffer the ill luck that ended his title aspirations in the final grand prix of last year in Japan. On lap 26, his right rear tyre blew out, shattering bodywork and forc-ing him into the pits. He never recovered the lap lost while mechanics replaced tyres and a shattered nose cone.

Irvine's progress to the chequered flag was serene, though the carnage behind him continued, with a total of 14 cars dropping out to leave a top six that included Frentzen, in his first race for Jordan, Barrichello, after an astonishing drive that included a stop for a 10sec penalty, and the rookie, Pedro de la Rosa, in his first drive for Arrows.

Not that Irvine looked back. His team-mate was a lap behind in eighth place, too far to invoke any contractual obligations that could rob the Ulsterman of his few hours of glory.

Ecclestone bid, page 48



Melbourne's skyline dwarfs Irvine's Ferrari | tel, Shanghai. today.

#### SNOOKER

### Williams enters a new hall of fame

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

MARK WILLIAMS joined the select band of players to have won three world-ranking events in a season when he defeated Alan McManus 9-7 in a gripping final of the Thailand Masters at the Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok, last night Williams has blossomed into a formidable opponent of late. Successful at the Irish Open in December, when he beat McManus 9-4, and the Welsh Open a month later, the gangling 23-year-old, from Ebbw Vale, emulated Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry and John Higgins.

The £50,000 first prize carried Williams's total earnings this season to £273,325, while the manner in which he overcame high-quality opponents in his closing three matches served lenger for the world championship next month. Williams, whose already healthy level of confidence was bolstered by convincing victories over Hendry, in the quarter-finals, and John Parrott, in the semi-finals, made his presence felt by establishing a 3-1 lead with breaks of 87 64 and 106. McManus fashioned a last red-to-

overcut a routine black off its spot.
Williams is recognised universally as the most dangerous single-ball potter in the game and this proved to be invaluable when, with the cue ball awkwardly tucked under the balk cushion, he sweetly stroked in the black from dis-

pink clearance to steal the fifth frame and had the opportunity to force a re-spotted black in the sixth, but, having cleared yellow to pink, he

#### RESULTS FROM BANGKOK

M Williams (Wales) bt J Parrott (Eng) 6-2 A McManus (Scot) bl D Morgan (Wales) 6-1

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ance. A break of 72 enabled Williams to move 5-2 ahead and he also won a scrappy, errorstrewn eighth frame to enter the concluding ses sion in a position of considerable strength.

On the resumption, however. McManus wor

the first frame of the evening on the black with a clearance of 35 and stubbornly delayed the presentation of the trophy by grittily rallying rom 8-3 to 8-7 adrift, without scoring heavily. By this time, Williams was understandably suffering from frayed nerves. Leading 46-0 in the sixteenth frame. McManus was on course to necessitate a decider, but he missed a red to a middle pocket and Williams eventually sank a spectacular green to launch his clearance to the

"My mind was gone towards the end," Williams said. "The more frames Alan won, the more pressure I was under and my hands were shaking. I'm not going to start comparing myself with the likes of Davis and Hendry, but it's good company to keep."

Despite mounting such a valliant rearguard action, it all added up to another near-miss for McManus, who has been the bridesmaid so often. He has now advanced to the semi-finals or further in 35 professional tournaments but has prevailed in only four of the 20 finals that he

Williams will be hoping to reproduce such sustained excellence at the China International, the seventh ranking event of nine this season, which gets underway at the JC Manderine Ho-

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### Family man moves up a gear

Kevin Eason believes there is still life in the vibrant Ulsterman yet

ALL along the dimly-ht street, only one sitting room was alive with the sound of laughter and celebration in the early hours of Sunday morning. Edmund and Kathleen Irvine usually travel the world to watch their son competing for the most glamorous team in the most glamorous sport on earth. This time, they decided they would stay at home in their little house near Bangor, Northern Ireland.

Perhaps, like the whole of Formula One, they believed that they could afford to miss the Australian Grand Prix because nobody gave their son a chance of winning. But the telephone call that woke them in the early hours confirmed what they hoped would happen eventually: that Eddie Irvine was a winner.

irvine is Formula One's paradox. He is the maverick who has conformed to the strictest contract in Formula One, forbidding him to outperform his team-mate; he is the manabout-town devoted to his family, particularly his parents and sister. Sonia. who works as his physiotherapist, and he is the driver who, until yester-

day, scorned his record of never having won a grand prix.

But he has reaped the

reward of diligence beyond the call of a duty that has been both a curse and a blessing on his career. There can be no doubt that Irvine, 33, is a talented driver, yet he has bound himself into a deal at Ferrari that made it well-nigh

impossible for him to consider himself to be a potential winner. Irvine ploughed his way through the ranks, his ebullient style attracting admirers until the equally maverick Eddie Jordan brought him to Formula One six years ago. His impact was immediate and spectacular - in his first race, he was lapped by Ayrion Scrina, only to retake the Brazilian. The threetimes world champion was so incensed that he marched down the pitlane and punched Irvine on the nose. But Irvine has that effect on much

of Formula One. They like him or



Irvine savours the moment on the podium

hate him for his outspoken views, blum language and apparent arrogance. For Irvine, the move to Ferrari, as No 2 to Michael Schumacher, has been a two-edged sword, for he has the machinery to compete, but his contract states he must give way to the German. Against that, he drives for the most famous team in the world, for which he is handsomely rewarded with about £3 million a year.

It has been the impossible choice give up Ferrari and the fabulous sala-

ry as No 2 or move to another team

with perhaps a worse chance of win-

ing McLarens and clearing the path for his team-mate. Yet Schumacher has failed to win the title in spite of his efforts and Irvine has become increasingly frustrated, realising that he is good enough to win, just not allowed to, on the way to the end of his career. Before the season started, the signs of restlessness were there as he contemplated another season as Schumach-

ning. His job for three years has been to ride shotgun for Schumacher, block-

er's bridesmaid, no longer satisfied by the salary, the helicopter and yacht or the adulation of Ferrari's devoted fans. The zero in the wins column of his record was increasingly irritating and a matter for correction. It was just a question of how against two superior McLarens and his team leader.

A month ago, he said: "I just have to make sure I am there when my time comes and maybe I could win a race or two for Ferrari. It is the one gap in my record and I don't want to finish my career in Formula One not having won a race. Last year, I was waiting for three drivers to fall off the circuit before I had a chance of winning."

Yesterday, it finally happened and all three did clear a path for a maiden victory. The question now is whether Irvine can grasp his victory and im-

### Strallan puts SIESS OM wide picture

THE street hawkers around Highfield Road on Saturday enjoyed a brisk trade in T-shirts commemorating the 4-I victory against Aston Villa. Orders for a full-length video of the "historic" game were being taken inside the club /hep.

Parochial supremace matters to Coventry City supporters, but, on a national section this second successive win carried far greater importance.

While Gordon Strachen disc manager, was correct in suggesting that the signifi-cance of the result will become apparent only at the end of the already as a shattering 🗟 🦠 for Charlton Athletic At (4) up, playing against ter menthey needed linle more than composure and conceatration to extend an unbeaten remainfive matches. At crucial and ments, they lacked in the

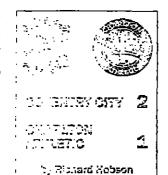
This is not the end of the world." Alan Curbishing the Charlton manager, said in a gloomy tone that conveyed the opposite. Chances such as this do not materialise even week and Charlton, though possessing certain strengths and some underestimated players. are not such a good side that **they can afford** to squander

Strachan admitted thut when John Aloisi was dis-missed for striking Danny Mills in an argument over a throw-in in the 58th manufe, he would have settled support for an equaliser to the goal socred by Andy Hunt two minutes earlier.

Yet, after the excellent Novl Whelan struck with the calmest finish of the match in the 66th minute, only one team: carried the conviction of poten-

After his two goals against Villa, Aloisi could claim to be the match-winner again, although he seemed more interested in protesting his innocence afterwards.

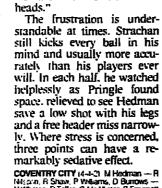
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not enough to survive at the higher level. Coventry's prospects are a good deal better. In the longer term, the parmership between Whelan and Huckerby has the potential to flourish. They are used to scrapping for their sta-rus in the closing stages, so

much so that Bryan Richard-

son, the chairman, compared

the final weeks of last season,

when they enjoyed rare mid-ta-

ble comfort, with a six-month holiday in the Bahamas. Strachan arched his back and twice saluted the skies on the final whistle before hugging each of the Coventry players that walked across his path towards the tunnel. Where Curbishley had confined himself to the dugout, Strachan runted and raged by the touchline like a man demented, often to nobody in particular. In a week in which Joe Kinnear suffered a heart attack, Strachan's bulging eyes and jerking movements became an uncom-

fortable sight. For what purpose? Accord-ing to McAllister, any wisdom in the manager's words goes unheard. On the pitch, you do not really notice it," he said. "You just see a little red head pobbing up and down. In the dressing-room, he is much calmer and, with the situation we are in, we need cool

The frustration is understandable at times. Strachan helplessly as Pringle found space, relieved to see Hedman save a low shot with his legs and a free header miss narrowly. Where stress is concerned, three points can have a re-

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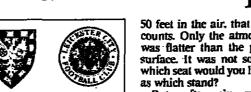
Guppy, of Leicester City, celebrates after scoring his side's winning goal

### Forgotten fossils dug from Selhurst swamp

WIMBLEDON

ONLY in the dark days BC (Before Carling) did football used to be like this, apparently. That was until the game's image-makers set out on their mission to convince the world that every fixture, bar none, is a minor classic played out at a pristine stadium packed with deliriously happy consumers; washed into living more in hype than expectation. A match as bad as this simply could not happen, could it? Well, it has,

This was a game of one goal that stood — and a spectacular effort it was, admittedly - plus one that did not and one header against the bar. It was an afternoon dripping



LEICESTER CITY 1

otherwise excruciatingly devoid of drama or occasion or skill or excitement, of technique or tension, controversy or colour, of incident, passion or hope. Live and exclusive? You could have tied it up in ribbons and offered it with two years' free parts and labour and it would still have

by Keith Pike

with endeavour but an event

stunk the place out. Absolutely none of which bothered Martin O'Neill and Leicester City one bit. They had stumbled upon football's version of The Land That Time Forgot, taken on the Wimbledon dinosaurs with a matching version of archaic, lump-it-anywhere football and escaped with three points and a first FA Carling Premiership win since Boxing Day. For them, the sheer awfulness

of it all was soon forgotten. There were excuses. The Selhurst Park pitch is a shocker fust where do Crystal Palace spend all their money?) although, as most of this game was played with the ball

Perry's back pass and Sulli-van's sliced clearance led to Steve Guppy's ferocious 25-yard shot into the top corner - game over, although Walsh headed against the woodwork and Euell had an equaliser disallowed for offside. The match did not deserve a goal, never mind one so well struck as that by Guppy, whose finish and performance were the day's only redeeming features.

At least the post-match chat was harmonious. Guppy, who missed Leicester's last visit to Wembley, promised that they would play better in the Worthington Cup final in a fort-night and O'Neill expressed his respect and sympathy for Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, who is in hospital after suffering a heart attack. Fi-nally, David Kemp, Kinnear's deputy, put dismay over the match into context with concern over Kinnear's health. "I don't want to make excuses, but major incidents like that put football into perspective,"

WMMBLEDON (4-3-3). N Sulivan — K Cun-nrighern, C Perry. B Thatcher, A Kimble — J Euel, A Roberts, R Easte — E Broku (sub. J Hartson, Samin), M Hughes (sub. C Hugh-es, 75). M Gayle

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counts. Only the atmosphere was flatter than the playing surface. It was not so much which seat would you like, sir,

But, after six minutes. the guest list.

> Southampton are also able to play in a relaxed and confident manner that belies their league position. In the first half, they swept through midfield, with Le Tissier and Hughes linking up with the sort of panache that most supporters had hoped for, but. perhaps, had assumed would never be.

Underlying it all was the role of Chris Marsden. The

### Hiley steps in to keep Southampton on course

IS YOUR glass half-full or half-empty. Mr Jones? The hall-empty. Mr Jones? The Southampton manager has had much explaining to do this season, a season in which many expected his club to cast off the tag of relegation candidates and instead push for mid-table comfort. On Saturday, David Longer printed out. day. David Jones pointed out that a long sequence of inju-ries to important players had prevented his team from mounting a sustained challenge for a place in the cosy zone. We're chopping and changing every day, every game," he said.

Right now, that has to be a reason why Southampton will stay up. Which of the other relegation-threatened clubs has a host of talented players crouched in the wings? Suddenly, the malady has become the magic cure. David Hirst and John Beresford, both high-profile signings that were cursed with serious injuries, are close to full fitness and Jason Dodd, Egil Ostenstad and Ken Monkou are preserving to return after preparing to return after

If you add to that the gradual recovery of Matthew Le Tissier, it seems inevitable that come judgment day - when, on May 16, Everton visit The Dell — Southampton will wave goodbye to the 1998-99 season with magnificent flourish and, who knows, condemn

Everton into the bargain. Le Tissier has been in and out of the side like some sort of society wit who cannot be bothered to offer more than a knock-knock joke. He is not quite back to his Oscar Wilde best, yet he came close against West Ham United and if he manages only to maintain his present level of match-fitness, his team will trouble anyone. Fortunately for Southampton. there are few big names left on

Only the visit of Arsenal in a month looks obviously troublesome and, if Jones's side win their other remaining home fixtures, they would be well-placed to wriggle out of bother

former Birmingham City midfield player was given a rough ride by the fans whenever he dared to émulate Le Tissier, but his diligence was crucial. He was first to every loose ball and mopped up so many of the visitors' ambitious but failed attacks that he made West



Ham's central midfield look lazy and petulant.

Harry Redknapp's team perform too insubstantially away from home to win a Uefa Cup place. The defence needed, it seemed, to concede an early goal in order to rouse itself. Redknapp called Ferdinand's touch from Kachloul's long-range strike "a wicked deflection", but the England defender was slow to react to what was a fairly weak drive.

Thereafter, Ferdinand regained his composure, but with the West Ham front line unable to put the simplest of shots on target, it was too late even though there were 79

minutes of the match left. Towards the end. West Ham piled on the pressure. but they lacked the touch of heroism that a team with problems can summon up more easily. Sinclair's first good strike was saved well, but not held by Jones, and Di Canio sprang forward to bundle in what looked to be a certain equaliser. Hiley ran with the Italian and, just as the ball was about to cross the line, the full back found the momenturn to clear from an impossible angle. It may prove to be a defining moment, but only one of many as Southampton wheel out more heroes just in

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-1-2): P Janes — S Hiley, C Lundokvern, F Beneil, P Colleter — M Cadley, C Marsden, H Kachlout — M Le Tesser (sub S Ripley, Börnen) — M Hughes, J Bearlic

WEST HAM UNITED (3-4-1-2): SHISIOD — I Pearce, R Ferdinand, N Ruddock — S Lomas, F Lampard, M-V Foe (sub: P Krison, 72), M Keller — E Berkowt — P Di Carno, T



Le Tissier: recovery

### Edmundo is free from animal magnetism

OF ALL the world's football-ers, who act as if celebrity absolves them from responsibility, Edmundo, the Brazilian, takes the biscuit. He did not play for Fiorentina in their crucial Italian Serie A match against Parma yesterday because of injury: but if the Bra-zilian law authorities have their way, he may never play rop-class football again.

He is wanted on an extradition order after being convicted, in his absence, of causing the death of three people by manslaughter in Rio de Janeiro, those who died being victims of his speeding at the wheel of his car. Curiously, Edmundo alienated the supporters and players of his Italian club just a month ago when he preferred carnival in Rio to his duty to play for a team that had already lost, through a knee injury, Gabriel Batistuta, its other main striker. Then, he did not want to be anywhere but Rio; now, his lawyers are working to oppose those who would have him there, inside a cell for the four-year jail sentence that

Edmundo is known as "The Animal" because he would fight team-mates and opponents, would quarrel with anyone and once notoriously picked a light on a beach with a drug pusher.
At the World Cup last sum-

mer. Edmundo, who will be 28 in April, created a more understandable commotion in the

**Rob Hughes** discovers why Brazil's striker is not so keen

to go home dressing-room before the final between Brazil and France. He had been ready to play when,

less than an hour before kickoff, Ronaldo turned up from hospital to claim his place. Edmundo, his fury uncontained, said such things to Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach, that he has been banned from playing for his country again. Edmundo was hoping to escape Fiorentina at the end of



Wanted: Edmundo

turn to his first club. Vasco da Gama. Now, he may not be in such haste.

Also in Italy on licence is the Portugal international, Sergio Campolo. Before playing for Perugia, also against Parma last October, he tested positive for marijuana. He was sus-pended for six months, but, over the weekend, his punishment was reduced to two months, so that he is available for selection next Sunday. "He [Campolo] co-operated with the authorities and admitted indulging during a period of personal crisis," the Italian football federation said.

In Holland, Bobby Robson is also earning sympathy. He took over PSV Eindhoven in the summer, a club denuded of half its playing staff, including Jaap Stam, sold to Manchester United. Last Friday, Robson signed the goalkeeper PSV need in Ivica Kralj, the Yugoslavia international. On Saturday, playing away to Roda JC Kerkrade, the thirdplaced team in the Dutch league. Robson's improving side won 3-1. They are going for Europe.

So. too. are Lazio. Sven Goran Eriksson, their coach, has spent money as if it was going out of fashion, but he dismissed speculation at the weekend that Emmanuel Petit will be his next recruit.

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#### **Diamonds** fail to sparkle

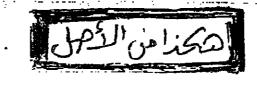
Rushden and Diamonds.....1

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE jubilant scenes, the photograph of the triumphant team taken in front of the stand and a crowd of 1.302, the biggest at Church Road this season, underlined that beating Rushden and Diamonds

is special for their fellow Nationwide Conference clubs. Rushden led 1-0 at halftime, after Russell Meara had. dropped a cross in the thirteenth minute and Lee Flynn had put through his own net in the subsequent scramble. but goals from set-pieces by Chris Sparks and Nathan Bunce wrested the advantage

"I was delighted to avenge the 5-0 defeat up there," Terry -Brown, the Hayes manager, said. For Brian Talbot, the Rushden head coach, the damage was fimited by Cheltenham Town also dropping points. "We've got 13 games left and that's 39 points." he said. Whether we're good enough to win the league, we will find out on May L"



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FA Cup: Vibrant Newcastle leave Gullit one step away from Wembley final

## Ketsbaia makes rueful Everton pay

MOMENTUM is the hardest thing to gain in football and the easiest to lose. With a mistimed pass or careless lunge, the efforts of a club can quick-ly be forsaken, a comeback forgotten, a recovery shelved. For Everton, the moment that their season became wholly trained to avoiding relegation arrived with the dreadful clarity of a deflected shot and the horror of a needless free kick. By straining to reach a speculative effort from Termuri Ketsbaia, Marco Materazzi unwittingly initiated Newcas-

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n course

tie United's first goal, diverting the course of the ball with significant effect: By felling Alan Shearer on the fringes of the penalty area. Don't Hutchison provoked a second. Two-one down and with Ruud Gullit's stilted revival escalating, Everton retreated to familiar, sapping territory.
While there was much more

to come, Hutchison's intervention definitively altered the course of the game. Where, for gaping intervals at the beginning of each half, Everton had dictated its pace and shape, the impetus was now lost.

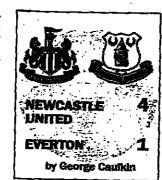


Sunderland march on .... Rangers reach last four \_\_\_31 Results and tables.

Three Newcastle goals in the space of 20 minutes spoke of a dominance that they only latterly earned.

Suddenly, they are begin-ning to resemble a team. In Shay Given, Steve Howey, Dietmar Hamann and Shearer, Newcastle possess a backbone finally delivering the weight that it promises. The dishar-mony evident in the days around Christmas has been dispelled by positive results and now, where before they seemed flimsy and unimportant, their squad players are capable of injecting vigour. The redoubtable Ketsbaia,

the former Georgia internaside is far from certain, was their hero yesterday. If he remains in the team until the matches — the minimum re-



quired for the renewal of his work permit - and yet he played with a fierce, indelible

"I would like him to stay, of course," Gullit, the Newcastle manager, said, but there is good competition for places now and Ketsbaia, because of the new regime, is showing his best form." His first goal may have been blessed with a healthy slice of good fortune, but the same could not be said for either his second or Newcastle's fourth, which he created for his side's official new captain, Shearer.-

Waiter Smith, an empty, haunted figure afterwards, insisted that Newcastle were flattered by the scoreline and, in a sense, the Everton manager was right. For the first 15 minutes of both haives. Everton were worthy combatants, but they crumbled badly. As the rain teemed down

from a sky as leaden as the stretch of muck that barely passed muster as a pitch two inspections eventually permitting the tie to proceed -Everton's players, showered and changed, trudged along the fringes of St James' Park to their coach. It was a poignant end to a vibrant afternoon. coming in stark comparison to the first little teaser which arrived with the team-sheets.

Since signing from Croatia Zagreb last month, the intro-duction of Silvio Maric to English football has waited on the vagaries of a work permit, international clearance and the postponement of a reserve team match, although, after a trip to the races, a paint-ball-ing excursion and the grand tour of Tyneside's finest fashtional, whose future on Tyne- ion houses, his acclimatisation

was already fairly complete. All that remained was to exchange the black and white end of the season, he will still shirt that Maric had been fall some way short of figuring sporting while awaiting the in 75 per cent of Newcastle's completion of his £3.65 million transfer for the real thing and,



perhaps a touch surprisingly, that happened yesterday. The surface was too treacherous. Gullit had said, a lack of match fitness palpable, yet there he was jogging on to the field, taking his place on the left side of midfield.

Though Hamann had been the first to threaten with a speculative 20-yard punt that dipped markedly above the crossbar, Newcastle were sluggish in leaving the blocks. There were some pretty touch-

field, particularly from Maric, but, for long periods, the swirling miserable conditions clearly favoured Everton's pragmatic tendencies.

The first goal by Ketsbaia altered that, draining Everton of control and self-confidence until the whistle for half-time cleared the distraction. From a flurry of quick passes involving Maric and Shearer, Kets-baia emerged with the ball on the fringes of the penalty area. At that stage, a shot had apes in the central portion of the peared to be the least obvious from a considerable distance,

option, but the frame of Materazzi, hurled towards the danger, shaped glory from igno-

It stopped the game in its tracks. Half-time brought a renewal of efforts and, from Everton, an influential tactical change, Don Hutchison, back from suspension, was pushed forward alongside Cadamarplexion changed. Hutchison nicked the ball from Steve Howey, flicked it forward and,

David Unsworth left Shay Given sprawling. Within another five minutes. Newcastle were ahead once more.

From Hutchison's rudimentary foul, Thomas Myhre, the goalkeeper, could only parry Hamann's shot into the path of Materazzi. The Italian centre half could no little other than watch the ball spin from his leg as George Georgiadis, a substitute, turned it home. adis found Ketsbaia with a

Christmas tree [formation]

with one striker [Anelka] and

two behind [Kanu and Berg-

kampj. But he can also play as

a target man because of his

It is a problem that Wenger

can enjoy toying with as his team prepares for the critical

months of the season in im-

proving form. Arsenal will not

be helped by the loss of

height."

side Unsworth and shot beyond Myhre and, eight minutes from time, Shearer converted a move he had begun. A combination of one-touch passes culminated with a low, firm shot that struck right at the heart of Everton's season. NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2), S Gwen W Barton, S Howey, N Dabbas, D Domi -Solano, D Hamann, R Lee, S Mano (sub Standy D'Asternin, A. Steamer, T. Ketsbara. EVERTON (4-4-2), T. Myhre. — D. West, D. Watson, M. Materazzi, J. O'Kane. — A. Gram, D. Hadchison, D. Unsworth, N. Barmby. — D. Cadarnarieni (sub: J. Oster, 73), F. Jeffers techt. V. Balandon, 78.

but Vieira will return against Sheffield Wednesday tomor-

row night and Petit will be re-

freshed by his long rest when

he comes back from his ankle

Arsenal deserved their late

break, although there should

be sympathy for Derby, whose

use of man-markers and three

strikers had caused the home

side difficulties in the first half. County allowed themselves to

be pressed too deep after the

interval and Wenger threw

more and more forwards on

until his opponents could

resist no more.
The frustration proved to be

too much for Dean Sturridge,

who was shown his second vel-

low card for protesting about

Kanu's goal. There was noth-

ing untoward about it, though,

and Kanu went home a con-

vert to the wonders of the Cup.

Much will be expected of him

now, but, at 22, there is plenty

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#### spectre haunts **Tyneside** feast By OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THEY are beginning to scent some of the flamboyance of former years on Tyneside, but the FA Cup semi-final draw yesterday, a mish-mash of ifs and maybes, held out the prospect of two of the most celebrated remnants of the good times coming back to haunt them. If Tottenham Hotspur

beat Barnsley next Tuesday, in a quarter-final delayed by the wintry Yorkshire weather, then David Ginola and Les Ferdinand will be two of the men standing in the way of Ruud Gullit and his revitalised Newcastle United as they attempt to return to the Cup Final for the second year

running. Newcastle barged Everton aside 4-1 vesterday to join the holders. Arsenal, as the only teams through to the semi-finals. It is still possible that the sides who met in the final last season will contest it again this year. This time, Newcastle

#### SEMI-FINALS

Man Utd or Cheisee v Arsens Matches to be played on neutral venues on April 11

would provide Arsène Wenger's team with more of a test, but George Graham, the Tottenham manager, will be savouring already the prospect of leading his team out against his former charges from Highbury in what would be Spurs' second Wembley final this season

If we are going to win

the competition," Alan

Shearer, the Newcastle

forward who scored the last of his team's goals yesterday, said, "we are going to have to beat the best teams somewhere along the way. It will be a top-drawer semi-final." Newcastle's route to a re-run of the final last year still looks easier than that of Arsenal. Through to the semi-finals courtesy

of Kanu's late winner against Derby County on Saturday, they will have to vanquish either Chelsea or Manchester United to reach Wembley. Chelsea held United to a goalless draw at Old

Trafford yesterday and will now be the favourites to advance to meet their London rivals for a semi-final that may be played at Wembley if two London teams are contesting it.

Chelsea victories in the replay on Wednesday night and over Arsenal would also raise the possibility of Gullit leading Newcastle out against the club that dismissed him so unceremoniously last year.

Despite the callow way

that many of the top

teams now treat the FA Cup, the fact remains that all three of the leading title contenders are still pressing for the Double. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: 'We would have preferred not to have to replay, but we are still only two kicks away from Wembley."

### Plain old Kanu quickly makes a name for himself

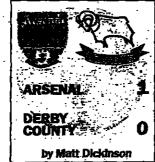
and confidence dissipate by the week and, as if to mark his rejuvenation, the goalscoring hero on Saturday has even consigned his bothersome Christian name to his troubled past. From now on, the Arsenal No 25 wishes to be known only as Kanu. The tongue-tripping Nwankwo has been left behind.

So, one hopes, have all his problems, with the long-legged Nigerian striding towards fulfilment at last — a hastyjudgment, perhaps, after just a handful of performances for Arsenal and only his first goal, but one that is founded on the knowledge that this is a proven winner, with a European Cup medal as evidence.

It does not take long to spot a footballer of talent, particularly amid the blood and thunder of a typically combative FA Cup-tie, and Kanu caught the eye from the moment that he entered the fray against Derby County, tiptoeing through the flying tackles with a grace and guile that should not be possible with a basketball players physique. The wonder is that more

clubs were not willing to gamble on him when internaz-

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ionale decided that his heart problems had made him such a risk. Arsene Wenger, who had been mesmerised by him at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, took the plunge and how the Italians must have regretted letting him go when they were so ill-served against Manchester United on Wednesday by Djorkaeff and

They needed a player of courage and intelligence and those were the skills that Kanu brought to bear decisively for Arsenal when he was brought on after 65 minutes. The holders had been on top almost from the start, but they were beginning to wonder whether it was to be one of those days. Bergkamp was becoming Anelka was coming to the boil under Stimac's close attention and Overmars was in the sort of selfish mood that made you wonder whether he should have been given a ball of his

Parlour, Arsenal's best performer in the absence of Petit and Vieira from central midfield, was providing the biggest threat to the Derby goal, but his shots were mostly from long range and narrowly wide. A game of ten bookings and one dismissal was heading towards a quarter-final replay at Pride Park. Then Kamu arrived and

Arsenal's huffing and puffing found direction. Holes were picked in the Derby defence and finally, in the last minute, the Nigerian made the breakthrough. Parlour's comer fell at Keown's feet and the defender shot on the turn. The ball struck Kanu in the chest, but he swivelled faster than any 6ft 5in man should be able to and struck a shot firmly into the Derby goal.

Arsenal were in the semi-

finals and, after the furore surrounding his contribution in the previous round, when he

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increasingly irritated by the had combined with Overmars limpet marking of Carsley, to score that controversial goal to score that controversial goal against Sheffield United, Kanu had made his proper impact on the competition and kent the holders on course for a second successive double.

"He is a quiet guy, but I think he has a strong spirit," Wenger said of Kanu. "He is improving physically and has a great attitude in training. What he does is always sur-

prising you. You can never guess what he is about to do. The way he solves problems on the pitch is always creative. "At the moment, he lacks pace and rhythm, but you can-not have that when you have

played only five times in two vears. He covers less ground than he can, but it is getting better. I see him as a link player, but I still do not know how best to use him. Perhaps in a



Dunn, the referee, steps in to cool tempers between Anelka, right, and Stimac during a

Stephen Hughes for three

full-blooded FA Cup quarter-final at Highbury, won by Kanu's late goal for Arsenal



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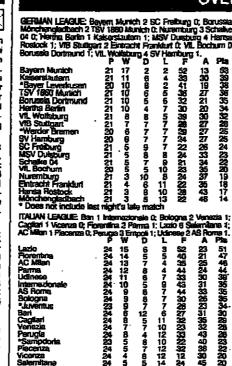
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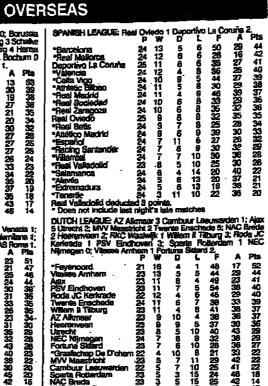
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The Oxford United defence can only watch as Fabian De Freitas prepares to shoot for West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns on Saturday. The home side's 2-0 victory lifted them into a play-off place but left Oxford in trouble

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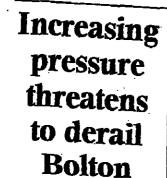
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#### **VERNONS LOTTERY FOOTBALL GAME**

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were nine score draws: Swindon v Bolton; RESULTS FROM SATURDAT'S MATURIES: THERE were time source utoms, community and sufficiently of Preston: Wycombe v Colchester, Peterborough v Hartlepool; East Fife v Limingston; Brachin v Cowdenbeath, Barrow v Cheffenham; Dover v Forest Green; Famborough v Welling. youts on eight seven, six and five score draws. Bight score draws: No wheners Seven score draws: winners each £2,190,50. So: score draws: 611 winners each £47,50. Five score draws: 5375

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Swindon Town Bolton Wanderers..

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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PRESSURE. It grabs the throat churns the stomach. turns legs to jelly. Those of a calm, composed nature become jibbering wrecks; fear-some, combative hulks dissolve into simpering pussy-cats. The weak curi up and

die; only the strong survive. Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, will confront the issue this morning. In a playing and managerial career spanning 35 years — from Chester-le-Street Boys to Vancouver Whitecaps, from Derby County and England to Whitley Bay — he experienced the best and worst that pressure can produce. He

For many of his players, though, it is an alien concept. Attempting to gain promotion from the Nationwide League first division into the FA Carling Premiership might not appear to be too much of a burden, but, apparently, it is. Todd recognises the sweaty-palm syndrome and is worried.

Vinnie Jones, 35, has decided to leave football to concentrate on his acting career. The former Wales international, who starred in the successful British film Lock. Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, made his name at Winabledon but also played for Leeds United, Sheffield United, Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers, the last of his clubs.

A high-scoring draw away to Swindon Town on Saturday, though salvaged from 2-0 and 3-1 deficits, was not up to scratch. "People might think that was a useful point for us, but I don't," he said. "A lot of the lads have not been in this position before, but they've got to handle it. It's hard to take anything positive from that dis-play. We are not doing our iohs in the manner we should be I said to the players: l'here's no dressure from me

It's up to you to do it." After an unbeaten sequence of 15 league matches, Bolton have failed to win in their past four games and have slipped from second place to fifth, seven points off the automatic promotion place. A previously sound defence has conceded nine goals in three outings.

The strain is showing. It made for fascinating fare, after a relatively low-key first half in which Swindon went ahead through a header by Howe, Bolton bickered among themselves and Barry Knight, the referee, took four of the seven names he would collect in a spiky game. It was mildly entertaining, yet nothing compared to what followed.

Hay scampered clear to stretch Swindon's lead soon after the interval, Fish's overhead acrobatics reduced the gap and Walters made it 3-1 with an unstoppable 25-yard free kick. Completing a frantic spell of four goals in 17 minutes, Jensen and Gudjohnsen achieved parity.

In the remaining 13 min-utes, Bolton's confidence returned, their passes zapped around the pitch and Swindon all but buckled. "It's not a strange game," Todd said. "It's the players that make it

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### Nationwide League: Phillips on target for remorseless Sunderland

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### Drama sold out in Stadium of Light

Sunderland Norwich City.

YOU are strolling through the aisles of a cavernous supermarket you have your shopping list and everything on it. You go to the checkout with all that you came for, you pay, you leave and yet you feel a nagging emptiness inside. The sensation does not lead itself to easy definition, but where was the intricacy, the spontane-

ity, the fun? This is how it feels to visit the Stadium of Light, with its same grandiose edifice, the faultless goods and the

dearth of surprise. You turn up, Sun-derland win without drama, you go home. The scale of the operation cannot fail to impress, but any novelty has long since worn out. You get what you pay for, nothing more. Not, in other words, the kind of place to

rummage for trinkets. Against Norwich City on Saturday, bogeys were buried and records set, yet countless pairs of eyes in another vast crowd will have swiftly glazed over. Another team come to harass and disrupt, another 90 minutes of guerrilla warfare.

As usual, Peter Reid's side navigated a tortuous path through it, bearing Norwich for the first time under his stewardship and, in the process, re-

cording their ninth successive home League victory. "I'm pleased with that one," Reid said later, and one could sense that he meant it.

It felt momentous simply because of their awesome, remorseless efficiency. None of their recent sequence, which matches the feat of Bob Stokoe's Sunderland in 1975-76, have been better than 2-0. At the start of the season, they trounced Tranmere Rovers 5-0, beat Watford 4-1 and put seven past Oxford United, but that was before opposing teams realised that trenchant negativity might be their salvation.

From the refreshing equality of the opening moments. Norwich appeared to be tracing a different blueprint. They pressed and harried, but when a Sunderland player got his foot on the ball, there was no collective, lurking retreat to the safety of their half. There was a breathy openness about their football.

It deflated pretty sharply when Chris Makin moved beyond the right side of defence and clipped the ball forward, where a back-heeled pass from Darren Williams — a stand-in for the injured Lee Clark -- created a yard of space and Kevin Phillips produced a stunning finish. Seven minutes gone, game over and a joint retreat to physicality.

Almost surreptitiously. Sunder-land contrived to prompt a useful save from Andy Marshall. Nicky

Summerbee struck the post and, six minutes from time, the shirt of Gavin McCann received a sharp rug. "A stone-cold penalty," Reid said.

What would Sunderland make of the FA Carling Premiership, Bruce Rioch, the Norwich manager, was asked? "Oh, I think Peter will need about £50 million, give or take a bit of small change," he replied. It was meant in jest, but one could not help

meant in jest, but one could not nerp wondering. A supermarket suddenly surrounded by luxury stores.

SUBIDERLAND (4-4-2): T Scrensen — C Melon, A Melville, P Burler, M Gray — N Surrmerbee, K Bell (aub. G McCarn, 65ml, D Wilsons, A Johnston, N Christon, K Philips No. Ph

#### **Amoruso** sends battling **Falkirk** tumbling

By PHIL GORDON

FORTUNE hardly fa voured the brave at Ibrox. it ignored Falkirk's pleas for justice as Lorenzo Amoruso bludgeoned Rangers into the semi-finals of the Tennent's Scottish Cup yesterday. Falkirk, of the first divi-

sion, seemed destined to prolong their love affair with this competition by earning a quarter-final replay when the Rangers captain saved the Scottish Premier League leaders with a 75th-minute winner. There seemed to be little danger when the tall Ital-ian defender ambled forward from the centre circle, but Falkirk backed off and Amoruso thrashed a 35-yard shot that dipped before taking a vicious bounce to beat Paul Math-

Falkirk, who reached the final of this competition in 1997 and were semi-final-

ers, the goalkeeper.

Celtie and Rangers avoided each other in the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup when the draw was made yesterday. Rangers meet St Johnstone in a repeat of this season's League Cup final, while Celtic face Ayr United or Dundee United, should they beat Greenock Morton

ists last season, had cancelled out an early secondhalf goal by Neil McCann with a splendid strike from David Moss. They also struck the post and forced Stefan Klos, the Rangers

goalkeeper, to excel. "Falkirk's commitment was better than ours." Dick Advocaat. the Rangers coach, said. "Only Amoruso played well - i never saw the ten other players in

Alex Totten, the Falkirk manager, said: "We deserved a replay because our performance was exceptional, but the two goals we

lost were dreadful." Falkirk's hunger was epitomised by Kevin McAllister, who won every tackle. Elsewhere. Totten's team were well organised.

with Martyn Corrigan and Jamie McQuilken, in particular, ensuring that McCann and Kanchelskis were not allowed to provide Rangers with the threat on the flanks that has characterised their recent routs. McCann gave Rangers the lead in the 52nd

minute. How the winger outiumped the central defence to connect with a corner by Giovanni van Bronckhorst was a mystery, but the ball flew past Mathers. Scott Crabbe responded for Falkirk with a shot that struck the inside of the post in the 57th minute, before Moss equalised after Klos had only parried a shot by

bing a second equaliser were thwarted when Klos denied James late on. CIENICO JAITTICS IZIE OT:

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Falkirk's hopes of grab-

### Thetis on hand to turn jeers to cheers

Dswich Town Tranmere Rovers.

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE boos tumbled down the stands at Portman Road like waves on a beach, driven by the weight of expectation. For a team set on promotion to the FA Carling Premiership, it was an indignity as unwelcome as it was unexpected.

Less than an hour later, the jeers had turned to cheers, the imprecations to elation, quite out of keeping with the fact that lpswich Town had just beaten Tranimere Rovers. Not Liver-pool or Everton, Merseyside's 'other" club. By a goal to nil. The change was extreme,

unnecessarily so, but it left no doubt about the passion of those supporting Ipswich Town in their pursuit of the Premiership, or about their belief that they are capable of returning to the level that they have graced in the past. Given that Sunderland are probably up, a shortlist of four is emerging for who will join them - Ipswich, Bradford City, Birmingham City and Bolton Wanderers and this victory lifted the first of those into second place, at

the top of the chasing pack. Yet it also raised one or two doubts about Ipswich. For example, they were without Keiron Dyer on Saturday, the 20-year-old midfield prospect who, if truth be told, is going to be playing in the Premiership next season, regardless of whether loswich are there or not. A broken leg sustained last Tuesday will keep him out of action for six weeks or so and, without him, Ipswich

lacked a cutting edge. It says something, too, that George Burley, the manager, is seeking a replacement for ing to buy a new player, which would be expensive. Ipswich lack the funds of, for example, Bolton or Bradford.

Still, if they can keep grinding out the wins, they will be happy enough. Happy-golucky, even, because they were fortunate here, having been outplayed by Tranmere, especially in the first half.

Ipswich were in complete charge for perhaps a minute, the 78th, but it was enough. It was quite a minute, too, as dramatic as you could wish for. It began with a cross by Johnson that flew towards Stockwell at the far post. He, in turn, fell face-first into the turf, pushed by O'Brien, penalty. Venus tried to take it, only to be de-layed by the referee while he

booked O'Brien. That done, Coyne, in the Tranmere goal, began a mesmerising dance on his line, distracting Venus so much that he struck his penalty far too close to the oalkeeper, who saved it well. Corner, in came the cross, a scramble, a header by Scowcroft and Thetis diverted the ball over the line. Goal.

Tranmere did their best to salvage something, but Wright was in awesome form and the fates were against them, even when Thetis climbed all over Kelly in the second minute of added time and escaped pun-ishment, which would have entailed a penalty to Tranmere. A penalty? To the away team?

in injury time? This crowd, so moody and volatile, would have gone quite potty about that. IPSWACH TOWN (3-5-2): R Weight — N Thete, A Mowbrey, M Verus — F Wilnis, F Petta (sub: M Stoclavel, 74min), M Hotland J Magdian, J Clapham — R Neytor (sub: , Scowool, 60); D Johnson.

TRANMENE ROVERS (4-1-4-1): D Coyne
— G Allen, J NicGreel, C Hill (sub: D Chel-inor, 75), A Tampeson — L O'Brien (sub: D Kourras, 812 — A Parinson, K Ioras, A Me-hon, L Jones (sub: D Kelly, 65) — S Taylor.



Asaba, the Gillingham striker, is watched closely by Gregan, the Preston North End captain, at Priestfield

### Taylor has Preston in his sights

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

WHEN a player scores five

times in a single match, he is entitled to a sense of anticlimax if he manages just one goal in the next. Nevertheless. Robert Taylor, who monopo-lised the scoring during Gilingham's 5-0 win away to Burnley nine days ago, may come to regard his late equaliser on Saturday as being as valuable as his famous five put together.

Had he not escaped the Preston North End defence for the first time in the ninetieth minute to head in a cross by John Hodge, the visitors, in second place in the Nationwide League second division, would have widened the gap between themselves and Gillingham, in fourth, to ten

points. Even so, Gillingham's "The players have a belief in best chance of promotion to each other and what they are football for the first time probably remains the play-offs, but at least they prevented Preston from disappearing over the horizon.

They deserved to do so. if only for their perseverance. Preston had taken an early lead, when Sean Gregan, the captain, deflected in a bouncing effort through a crowd of players by Mark Rankine, and they had looked the superior team. Gillingham exerted plenty

of rudimentary pressure, but most was absorbed by a defence in which Colin Murdock, the central defender, excelled. Murdock was ably supported by a collective work ethic that Gregan ascribed to team spirit built by David Moyes, the manager. "A big part of football, if not the biggest part," Moyes said.

In fact, Preston's belief in passing the ball swiftly and accurately on the ground was in

marked contrast to the home side's route-one approach, which saw David Lucas mainly occupied in collecting a series of aimless high balls. Such was the unrelenting nature of the airborne assault that one or two decent crosses were bound to come in and

Lucas was obliged to make three outstanding saves. The best came when he dived low to his left to a cross by Southall, although he was powerless to save Taylor's late effort. "A terrific game played at a great pace," Tony Pulis, the Gillingham manager, said.

Their keeper was outstanding: the save from Asaha was top-drawer stuff. We're disappointed we didn't get three

points, but pleased at the end, because you'd settle for trying to do. When we get a anything then." Preston retain control of

> though the gap between them and Walsall, in third place, has narrowed to two points. However, Walsall, Bournemouth and Manchester City, must visit Deepdale. while Preston go to Fulham on the last day of the season hoping for a repeat of the events of 1970-71, when they pinched the divisional championship from the same opponents at the same venue. There's a lot of football to be played," Moyes said, "and a lot of points to be dropped." GILLINGHAM (3-4-1-2): V Bartern — B Ashby, A Pennock, G Butiers — N Southell (sub: J Hodge, 78mm), P Smith, M Saun-ders (sub: K Lisbie, 64), M Patterson — A Hessenthater — C Asaba, R Taylor

their own destiny, even

PRESTON MORTH END (4-4-2) D Lucas

— J Derby, M Jackson, C Murdock, D Lucder — A Gray, M Rankine, S Gregan, D
Syres — K Nogen, S Basham (sub: J
Madeen 75).

### Griffiths keeps promotion rivals in check

Leyton Orient . Rochdale...

BY BILL EDGAR

THE supporter told by the stadium announcer of his fatherhood might have been equally shocked by the rest of the message relayed during the first half of this match. Stay until the end of the game," he was advised. Clearly, his wife appreciates the excitement of watching Leyton Orient during what could be the birth of a successful side.

After a week in which the image of intellectually-challenged footballers was reinforced by the Le Saux saga, an Orient team in chess-board shirts used its tactical nous to oull off a fifth consecutive victory in the Nationwide League third division. Displaying a fluidity more common among Dutch sides, the Londoners effectively operated without a right back, with four players taking turns to fill the gap when necessary.

At times, their formation was as hard to decipher as a Kasparov strategy, but Barry Hearn, the king of Orient, looked on proudly and optimistically. Referring to his team in the match programme, the chairman said that a new 1,300-seat stand at Brisbane Road would not be the only thing to go up this May. Hopes of promotion increased on Saturday as Orient rose to third place. Orient, like Rochdale, may be a

small-time club in a big-city sprawl, but the Brazilian television-style yelling of "goal" on the public address system to mark every home score hints at a yearning for a bigger stage. The bellow boomed across East London three times on Saturday and,

on each occasion, Carl Griffiths had

pull back from the byline set up the headed opener for Kwarne Ampadu in first-half stoppage time and the Orient forward added the other two goals himself, knocking in a rebound and then converting a brilliant curling cross by Tony Richards.

been heavily involved for Orient. His

Tommy Taylor, the Orient man-ager, said: "There's a gap opening up at the top of the table and we've got to make sure we stay there."

His team is unlikely to be dislodged by Rochdale, who remain in mid-table after a game in which they threatened little, apart from a shot

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against a post by Robbie Painter. It is familiar territory for the Lancastrians, who have been mere pawns in league football for a generation, stuck in the bottom division for 25 consecutive seasons - by far the longest period among clubs at that level. Orient may yet prove to be too clever for this company.

LEYTON ORBENT (3-5-2): S Barrett — D Smith, M Joseph, R Joseph — T Richards (sub: D Morrson, 76min), W Walschaens, M Ling, K Arropadu, M Lockwood — C Griffiths (sub: A Inglethorpe, 87), A Simon (sub: S Watts, 82).

ROCHDALE (3-5-2). N Edwards — M Monington, A Famel, D Bayles — P Carden, G Stoker, J Lydiste, J Peake, A Barlow (sub: M Stuert, 82) — R Painter (sub: G Lancashine, 70), A Morris.

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## Proud Wales revive glory days A QUITTE remarkable game and a staggering result, one of the follows the

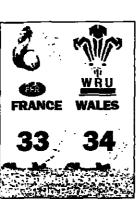
and a staggering result, one that puts the smile back on the face of a team and should galvanise a nation. This was one of the great matches in the history of the Five Nations Championship, one from which the BBC would make a small fortune should it release a video of the contest this

This was special because it was so unexpected and because of the manner by which it was achieved — by a side and a coach under extreme pressure in the most intimidating of arenas. France had not lost in the championship for three years and had harboured hopes of a triple grand slam to end the millennium.

it was a game of breathtaking quality, played, in the first half at least, at bewildering pace. It included seven tries and, fittingly, ended on a note of high drama as a last-minute penalty goal attempt by Thomas Castaignede, which would have won the match for France, drifted wide. When Jim Fleming, the Scottish referee, blew the final whistle moments later, the Welsh celebrations began. Some cried, while others were just stunned by the scale of their achievement, for Wales had not won in Paris since 1975.

Graham Henry, the Wales coach, who admitted having a word with the Almighty as Castaignède prepared to try to repeat his match-winning heroics from Dublin, must pray too that, in the long term. this result brings administrators to their senses and ends petty squabbles and feuds. Cardiff and Swansea can play their part in healing a fractured rugby country by set-tling their differences with the Welsh Rugby Union. It would be madness not to grasp the opportunity and build on the progress made by Henry. With Wales A and the under-21s also winning, it was

a weekend to remember. Henry has every right to feel vindicated, but he is not the type to score points. He had advocated a bold approach. but nobody, not even the New Zealander himself, could have anticipated the epic that unfolded. The rush and elan with which Wales took the



game to a France side who. perhaps, were guilty of early complacency, was quite aston-

more composure, greater awareness and some genuine pace on the left wing. Wales could have scored at least three more tries in a scarcely believable first half. in which points were racked up at the rate of more than one a minute. What also marked this performance was how the Weish came back after conceding scores, and the lead, as fortunes ebbed and

Henry confessed that this was the highlight of his career. but, in the moment of his greatest triumph, he made it clear that this was only a beginning.
"We may have been bit

fortunate in the end, but we should have beaten South Africa, so there's swings and roundabouts. Sometimes you pull it off and sometimes you don't. It was our turn today. I wondered whether we would

"We've scaled our Everest. but there are a lot more mountains to climb before we are competitive in world rugby. Fitness levels are not high enough, which showed in the second half when we started to lose ball in the tackle and didn't get players in support quick enough, but it's a good start. It gives us some foundations and some confidence."

The building blocks were put in place by a heroic front row, where Ben Evans made a huge impression in the tight and loose. The lineout, too. was vastly improved. The solid platform gave Neil Jenkins. lying flat, vital time, which, in turn, enabled him to create space for Scott Gibbs, Mark Taylor and, in particular,

SECOND HALF Score

Try: Ntamack Con: Castaignède 25 - 28

HOW IT UNFOLDED AT STADE DE FRANCE



Neil Jenkins, of Wales, hugs Evans after the memorable defeat of France, while Comba, right, shows his dejection

Shane Howarth with a succession of cut-out passes. Jenkins could even afford to miss four successive penalty kicks, but he converted five — the last of which secured victory. He, too, is thriving on Henry's influence and has probably never made more individual breaks in an international.

"We have had a bit of a slating, but we always knew we could play rugby," Jenkins said. "We showed against one of the best sides in Europe, maybe the world, that we can play rugby. I just hope people get behind us and accept what we are trying to do."

France were not helped by the loss of Richard Dourthe, who dislocated his shoulder after five minutes, an injury that will keep him out of the remainder of the championship. It forced a realignment, with David Aucagne coming on at fly half with Castaignède moving inside.

While they looked dangerous going forward - Comba, in particular - they looked vulnerable defensively in midfield, where Gibbs was a tower of strength, on one occasion ripping the ball from Comba in the tackle and setting in motion the move that led to a try by Dafydd James. Pierre

Villepreux, the France assistant coach, said that mentally Wales got their game plan right. He will point also to the ease with which Wales broke the gain line.

He said: "The Welsh team at

by Ibañez that brought France collective game in the Five to within three points in the second half. Nations." His solace will be the performance of Emile Ntamack at full back, who scored a hat-trick of tries, albeit that Matthew Robinson gifted him one, while his third

came via a clear forward pass

On another day, Wales would have crumbled, but not on Saturday, when a team stood up, looked collectively in



Ntamack evades Taylor to secure the last of his three tries for France on Saturday

## plot with songs of praise

igh up in the north stand of the Stade de France, where the red colours of Wales had amassed in thicker numbers than elsewhere, the congregation — for they are truly faithful follow-ers — broke into song. This was when Neil Jenkins kicked his fourth penalty of the afternoon to take Wales into the lead once again at 31-28. They were singing Hymns and Ari-as and Cwm Rhondda and perhaps it was appropriate that in a match of twists, turns and rolls of the dice, they sang them both together, although the two songs merged incon-

Welsh rugby being a chancy business these days. the dice were to roll a few times more, benefiting one side then the other, before Wales could finally claim the victory that was, without sentiment, rightfully theirs.

This was a great game of rugby, highlighting, as if it were ever needed, what an extraordinary tournament is the Five Nations Championship. Nothing can ever be taken for granted. No one, except for those who wear their hearts permanently and unashamedly on their sleeves — and even some of them were in doubt had held much hope of Welsh success. Damage limitation was about as optimistic an opinion as you were likely to get before the

But boldness is. what Graham Henry, the Wales coach, had asked of his players. Bold-ness is what he got. Flair and audacity is what is expected of France. This time Wales

Sure, there had been sporadic moments in both their previous matches during which Wales had displayed a collec-Pierre Villepreux, the France assistant coach, to say beforehand - and to which he was to repeat after the game that Wales were likely to prove to be their strongest opponents in the championship. It says a great deal about

Henry's persuasive abilities that, despite his team's previous failures, he has convinced his players to continue to pursue their course of bold and imaginative rugby. As Villepreux further observed. no Frenchman ever expected to see Jenkins, the Wales fly

half, running from his own 22 metre line. This Jenkins did himself or passed on to others Gibbs, Taylor or Howarth to do likewise. If Castaignède had his moment in the sun at Wembley

last year in the corresponding

fixture, then Jenkins, this

time, went a good deal of the

**GERALD DAVIES** 

At Stade de France

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way to getting his own back, in front of a crowd of 79,000 which was a couple of thousand more paying spectators than for the football World Cup. Jenkins had his best game by far for his country. even if it was inversely to the way we might have expected. He missed four consecutive penalty chances, which is unheard of for him. but he was able to break clear of France's first line of defence three times in a way that no one. having seen his previous per-formances, might have contemplated. His Pontypridd followers knew better.

After so much that has been barren, the victory was satisfying, of course, but it was

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the manner in which it was achieved that was so stimulating. There can hardly have been a more pulsating 40 minutes in the history of the championship than this first half. Both France

and Wales were in attacking overdrive, defending one moment then attacking the other's line in the next. There were 31 points on utes, yet other chances for both teams had come and gone which might easily have added to them.

"Our players did not have enough fear of the Welsh." Jean-Claude Skreia. the France coach, said, "However much our coaches said to them that Wales were our strongest opponents. I do not think our players truly believed us. If France are to perform well, we need to fear our

For Wales, it was a great occasion. To think where they have been this season, and the lowering feelings they have harboured in defeat, this was a majestic performance. To have beaten France at their own running game and to do so in Paris against all the odds made this a Wales performance to rank with the

### Peters suffers the pain of Italy's frustration

THE first rush of blood was to Massimo Giovanelli's head, the second down Eric Peters's face. The Italy flank forward brought his boot crashing down on the grounded Scotland player's right temple, his moment of madness in the 73rd minute fully meriting the red card shown to him by Robert Davies, the referee. As Giovanelli walked off, he was followed by Peters, red rivulets barely masking the look of bewilderment and pain across the Scotland captain's features.

ugly match in which the inevitability of Giovanelli's offence was almost as alarming as its consequence. Italy had been thwarted by the Scotland defence and their own limitations in the brief period, shortly after the interval, when they managed to sustain pressure near the Scotland line. Having failed to draw blood in the metaphorical sense, the creeping frustration that soon brought yellow cards for two of their players made it all the more likely that they would do so in the literal sense instead.

That Georges Coste, the Italy coach, tried later to defend his player by referring to the leniency shown recently to Martin Johnson was both absurd and irrelevant. However, Coste probably did Scotland a favour by emphasising their moral authority in the post-match exchanges. Authority of any other sort had been noticeably absent

from anything else that Scotland did, which is not to say that they did not deserve their win, or even that the margin flattered them; rather that they were far less impressive in achieving it than they had been in recent games. Indeed, it was as if they were

holding something back, which

Results and tables.

was understandable, not only because they face Ireland in the Favie Nations Championship in a fortnight's time but also because the limitations of Italy presented a licence for self-restraint. Perversely, theirs would have been a thoroughly forgettable performance.

Only in its opening quarter did the occasion rise above the humdrum. The first 16 minutes of fullthrottle rugby produced four tries, two for each side, and promised a match of vivid colour ahead. Gradually, it slipped into dreary monochrome instead.

Still, it had been good while it lasted. Only o8sec had passed when Kenny Logan finished a move, initiated by a steepling kick by Gregor Townsend and sustained by slick passing across the midfield, by arcing behind the posts for the first try.

Martin responded for Italy six minutes later, but Scotland wasted little time in regaining their advantage. Cameron Murray crossing

Logan added a couple of penalties to the one that he had landed in the twelfth minute, although he also sent three relatively straightfor-

ward efforts past the posts.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Logan (2mm), C Murray (9), Townsord (52) Conversions: Logan 3 Penalty speets: Logan 3 (12, 38, 70), Italy: Tries: Martin 2 (8, 18) Conversion: Domingusz SCORING SEQUENCE (Scotland first) 7-0, 7-7 14-7, 17-7, 17-12, 20-12 (half-time), 27-12, 30-13 14-7, 17-7, 17-12, 20-12 (helf-brie), 27-12, 30-12 SCOTLAND; G Metcatie (Giasgow Caledomens, C Murray (Edinburgh Pennes), A Taff (Edinburgh Revies, rep. S Longstaff, Giasgow Caledomens, 73mm), J Leslie (Sandt, K Logan (Waspo), G Townsend (Bries), I Paliney (Edinburgh Reviers, rep. G Burns, Edinburgh Reviers, 42), T Smith (Giasgow Caledomens; pp D Hillion, Bath. 79), G Bulloch (Glasgow Caledomens; pp Derion, Bath. 79), G Bulloch (Glasgow Caledomens; pp D Hillion, Bath. 79), G Bulloch (Glasgow Caledomens; pp D Hillion, Bath. 79), G Bulloch (Glasgow Caledomens; pp D Hillion, Bath. 79), G Bulloch (Laedomens), P Wintton (Newcastle Falcons), M Lasile (Edinburgh Reviers), E Peters (Bath. rep. A Pountiney), Northampton, 73), TALY: J Partile (Roma), F Roselli (Ponna), C Stolea (Nathonne), Limesto, Martin, (Padova), D Dallan (Treviso), D Dominguez (Stade Français), A Moacandi (Treviso), F Propard (Treviso), W Cristofoletto (Treviso), Tey. S Stocco, Padova, 73), M Glaccherl (West Hartiepool), M Glovanelli (Nathonne, and of, 73), A Sgorion (Treviso), C Chaochistato (Treviso, rep. C Caleona, Roma, 46)

#### England's women deny Irish any consolation

England. By KARL JOHNSTON

THERE was to be no consolation for the defeat at Lansdowne Road at Stradbrook yesterday, where Ireland's women rugby players suf-fered an embarrassing rout by a tal-ented England team that ran in ten tries. The Ireland supporters can be relieved only that England's allround excellence was not matched by their goalkicking.

There were no weak links in the

England side. Their mobile pack was able to lay on a stream of possession and, with Jo Yapp and Sue Appleby calling the shots with

authority at half back, Ireland's defence was stretched constantly by the incisive running of the England threequarters. The lineout was also a disaster area for Ireland, so much so that kicking to touch was tantamount to handing possession

over to England. England were out of sight at the end of the first quarter, when Nicky Crawford had scored two tries and Chris Diver, Sue Day and Jo Yapp had also crossed. The second half was equally shattering for the beleaguered Irish, as England ran in a further five tries, courtesy of Day. with two, Nicky Ponsford, Jayne Molyneux and Teresa O'Reilly.

SCORERS: England: Triber N Criminal 2 (2, 6); Diver (16), S Day 3 (19, 46, 74), J Yapp (5), N Constant (45), J Mohreux, (53), T O'Ren'y (6), Conversions: T Collins, V Hasford, C Fries.

This is the eircumference of an international rugby ball.

This is the circumference of an international rugby hooker's neck.

Keith Wood is the Harlequins, Ireland and British Lions hooker, He can run the 100 metres in 12 seconds. His neck can support the weight of eightynen. Which explains why it needs to be 31 inches in circumference.

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Five Nations Championship: Midfield shows fierce resolve as Woodward goes back to basics



## Wilkinson brandishes sword to proclaim new England iron age

erill's head, which earned the

briefest of debut caps for Neil

McCarthy, of Gloucester, but

no further action will be taken.

ance since I took over as

coach," Woodward said in the

first flush of enthusiasm. The

important factor for Wood-

ward was that it came away

from home, against an Ireland

side full of confidence and

well-blessed with talent; it also

explored the character within

the side, the ability to shrug off

a disappointing display and concentrate on the next task,

in which Lawrence Dallaglio

led by example.
It says something of the tactics that England have ex-

plored in the past that the mid-

"That was the best perform-

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

WHEN England regroup next week to prepare for their meeting with humbled France, Clive Woodward will remind his players of the moment at Landowne Road on Saturday when the game — and possibly the championship - might have swing away from them. That is what coaches do, although, in this instance, England have taken the lesson to heart aiready.

Conor O'Shea was within inches of a try that, with the conversion, would have brought Ireland to within a point at a time when their tide was running furiously high. The full back failed to score because of the utter commitment and organisation in deience that ran like an iron while other parts of their game

Scotland, the defence in midfield was confused; over the past week, Phil Larder, the former rugby league coach who now works regularly with England and Leicester — the meanest defenders in the Allied Dunbar Premiership has worked daily with the midfield trio of Grayson, Wilkinson and Guscott and the results were plain to see for the 49,000 who watched Ireland's vaulting hopes slip

If you enjoy seminal seconds in sport. Wilkinson's tackle on



one such, telling Ireland's icon that this was not to be his day. You do not often hear coaches lauding opponents to the skies, but Warren Gatland, of Ireland, was in no doubt. "England have found a player for the future," he said of Wilkinson. For a 19-year-old, his streak through England, even composure, his goalkicking, show he has a huge future.

points with his boot, came within reaching distance of the tryline in the closing stages as England hammered down the coffin lid and provided the superb, floating pass in the first half from which Matt Perry scored. "The ball from Jonny just sat up in the wind and I was able to take O'Shea on a different line," Perry said. Wilkinson himself was far

more satisfied with the self-assertion that he had shown on his first visit to Dublin in the Five Nations Championship, sponsored by Lloyds TSB, but England as a whole had rea-

not worry if their workmanlike virtues lost something in translation after the nip-andtuck of events in Paris; it is they who stand at the head of the championship table, they alone who can gather a triple crown or a grand slam.

That they found ways of conceding 22 penalties, the bulk of them for offside and playing the ball on the ground, is a source for concern, but their overall discipline was much improved and they can even disregard the yellow card shown to Martin Johnson for a shoulder charge into an opponent's back — which Paddy O'Brien, the referee, described as "innocuous". Consideration was given to citing

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dle five were far more definitive in their actions, with Dal-

laglio sticking to the role of No 8, rather than moving back and forth between the blind-side flank and No 8. "It does give you control of the decision-making process," Dallaglio said. Richard Hill, that exemplary footballer, has

the ability to play off either flank, anyway, and Kyran Bracken, in what amounts to his natal town, knew precisely where he was. The scrum half kept lreland's back row honest, as they say in New Zealand,

throughout the game and left Grayson to exert the tactical control. There were moments of confusion for England, ball in hand, during the first half, but down the wind Grayson played well and his chasers forced O'Shea to surrender the lineout advantage. Here, again, England were prepared to attack the Ireland throw, stealing a couple of balls and

share of set-piece possession. That they could do little with

it says much for England's ag-gressive defence. "They went back to a more basic game," Gatland said. "They know how to do it and they are very good at it.' For all Woodward's ambitions for his team, it is no bad

thing to build on a game that comes naturally to the English. They imposed themselves to such an extent that Ireland's space was closed down and Victor Costello was wrapped up as he charged from No 8. True, England should have made far more of their domi-

nance into the cold wind (less of a factor than it might have been) during the first quarter. Even allowing for fashion, there are other things to do with penalties close to the opposing line other than kick them to the corner for a lineout. Other, better sides will punish them for their failure to convert territory into points and it came as a relief to see the swift hands of the backs capitalise on Rodber's forceful run into midfield before Perry scored the first try.

Grayson's dropped came from a patient build-up before Humphreys briefly re-stored Ireland's lead with his fourth penalty goal. Yet the nerveless Wilkinson,

who missed only once during the afternoon, extracted maximum revenge when Ireland offended in the tackle and, in injury time, Rodber barged

### Muscle and flair provide day of drama

ship matches offered on Saturday. A glorious victory for Wales in Paris, against a France side who must be starting to wonder when their form is going to arrive. Then a dour, hardfought slog in Dublin, where England emerged as victors against a gallant, but, in the end, out-muscled Irish side. England were always going to win. Right from the outset,

they strangled the Irish into submission. The forwards took control up front and in the end they did not let any of the much talked-about Irish passion flow. They took the Irish forwards on and, in doing so, struck at the beart of their strength and tore it down. Ireland hardly looked like scoring all afternoon, apart from the continuous flow of penalties from the whistle of Paddy O'Brien.

There was one worrying factor in this performance for England. They had so much possession and field position. yet still could not put Ireland away until the last five minutes. Having said that, one got the impression that, to their credit. I reland were simply hanging on.

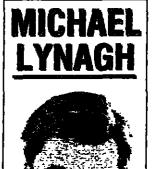
There were many heroes for England, most wearing numbers in single figures. The tight five, Johnson and Rodber, in particular, speared into the opposition. The front row not only controlled the scrum but also did their fair share of tackling and carrying of the ball when required.

The back row played well, with Dallaglio probably the pick, mainly because this was his type of game rather than the more open affair favoured by Hill and Back. It was good to see him carrying the ball, where he is at his best.

Kyran Bracken at scrum half was, for me, the dominant figure. He made correct decisions continually and showed great strength and deto attack himself. His service to the backs was swift and sure, interrupted only by big forwards annoyingly getting in between him and Grayson. The decision-making of the

two English half backs was so much healthier than it had ben against Scotland. It was not burning-the-grass running rugby, but it was not the day to be throwing the ball around. They made the right decisions to win, even if it wasn't pleasing to the eye.

The best player in the Eng-lish back line was Jonny Wilkinson. He was born with that England jersey on his back, or so it seems, because he plays like he has been in



why he is not at fly half. If he tackles like that, he would not be allowed into the No 10 club. He continually puts bigger and supposedly harden men not only down, but backwards. One memorable tackie on a runaway Keith Wood would have made any world-

class flanker happy.

He created the first Eng land try with a wonderful pass and the responsibility of goalkicking appears to be no chore. He is going to be in the white shirt for a long time.

I felt the performance of Matt Perry at full back was sound, but he retains the tendency to make some strange decisions when he has time to think. He needs to take the safety approach first of putting the ball up and chasing. After doing this a few times, the opportunity to counter with the ball will come.

is was the type of game that makes you get up and out of our seat and move closer to the television. I was enthralled with this contest and by the end I was all of six inches away from the screen. The Quinnell brothers,

along with Colin Charvis, tore into the French. Neil Jenkins found himself in wide-open space that he normally lets othpeople explore and Shan Howarth provided some real slice from the back. It was a great Wales per-

formance, very similar to the massive effort they produced against South Africa last year. only this time they had the be lief to go on and finish the job. It has been so long since they won in France that they didn't seem to know who to

hug, where to run or what to do when the final whistle was blown at the end. If they keep playing like this, they will have many more opportunities to hone their post-match

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Ward, of Ireland, fumbles the ball after a tackle by Guscott

Wood chopped down to size as Irish sing blues Yet the flame that burnt like a longing within Irish voices that accompanied the halftime ballad in Dublin Their green-clad warriors trailed England by a barely perceptible margin. They had hardly a whiff of the ball, but their nostrils still flared with the scent of victory. Yet the heart of the song was to tell of Ireland's profound disappointment at the final rites. "Our love is on the wing. We had dreams, and songs to

Athenry." Lansdowne Road was a lonely place for the bulk of the 49,000 present, many of whom had paid handsomely to witness the new dawn. Ireland had all but roasted French sang-froid; had then overrun Wales to herald the prospect of a first triple crown in 14 years. Here before them stood a vulnerable England team that had made

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beacon of hope proved to be no more than a flickering illusion. Im-ages of the wreckage lay scattered all over the field. It showed in the dejection of Victor Costello, the abrasive No 8, whose anonymous presence was highlighted only when he gave way to Eric Miller in the second half. It showed in the impotence of David Humphreys. whose intention to bombard the England defence was hijacked for his lack of the ball in hand.

Above all, it was evident in the display of Keith Wood, the talismanic hooker. If Wood is Ireland's totem, England hacked him down like a tribe of cut-throats. Rarely could he break the first tackle, his presence fading eventually against the massed English ranks. So complete was his eclipse that

he was stopped clean in his tracks by Jonny Wilkinson. Then followed the final act of humiliation: a charging Wood caught, enveloped and Julian Muscat reports on how the hopes and ambitions of Ireland's supporters

were broken by a rampant England pack

pant English pack.
His predicament was exacerbated by his regular failure to hit his men at the lineout. As England discovered to their cost against Scotland, poor ball from the lineout smothers adventurism. Ireland were thus constricted — much to the chagrin of their supporters, who, on their way to the ground, had breezed past a billboard

dispatched into retreat by a ram-

It was the first of many bad decisions from Celts who would endure a wretched afternoon. To witness their dejection was to understand how deep-rooted was their conviction as they sang and danced their

for a ticket

proclaiming free sex in exchange

way out of the city centre three hours earlier. To be sure, this was no sentimental journey. The sub-stance to their perceived revival was such that the best seats were changing hands at record prices. In the end, the old adage rang true: an expectant Ireland never bites like the underdog. In stark contrast, evidence of England's spirit posi-tively haunted the old stadium.

Richard Cockerill, England's feudal hooker, proved the fulcrum for the front five in an enclave of the scrum where little is seen and even less said. It was somehow symptomatic of his influence that Ireland came closest to scoring in the minute that Cockerill was sidelined for treatment to a head wound.

These scars of battle prompted Cockerill to jig the length of the touchline after the decisive late try by Tim Rodber. Cockerill plainly ikes the sound of his own chimes, but Lawrence Dallaglio, the England captain, was the loudest voice

within England's dominance.

Dallaglio, who bore the brunt of criticism for England's tame showing against Scotland, stood like a lighthouse in the storm around him. He was a colossus, his leadership by deed amplifying just how Wood had fallen short for Ireland.

"I have come to learn that I take the flak when the team plays badly," he said after being voted man of the match. He savoured his switch from the flank to the back of the scrum at No 8. "In that position, you have control of the decision-making process," he said. "I felt that variety was there throughout the game, which we lacked against Scotland."

An emphatic defeat rammed

home the uncomfortable fact that Ireland were outclassed at a time when equality with England seemed to beckon. Instead, France's defeat by Wales on Saturday put into perspective Ireland's last-gasp defeat by France in Dublin last month, for the French appear to be in decline.

Furthermore, Ireland's victory over Wales fits more conveniently with their successful history against that nation than any nascent parity with the might of northern hemisphere rugby. Their laboured efforts were too stereotyped, too one-dimensional, to trouble the English juggernaut.

As for the expectant Dublin hordes, the dreams and songs promised by that half-time ballad dissolved into the more familiar refrain within the lyrics of Molly Malone. "And cockles and mussels, alive, alive-O." They may have been alive at the end of it, but for once, they did not savour the experience.



### Small screen fails to do justice to comedy of errors

am the first person to see a joke against myself, but screeching out of the garage with an air hose still attached this goes too far ... the archetypal school teacher's words suit Formula One motor racing to a tee. Yes, Formula One is back and funnier than ever. The shame of it is that no one involved in the

sport can see how funny it is. Any sport, surely any other sport in the calendar that began with the world champions accidentally pulling the roof down on top of their own heads, would see that there was something faintly amusing about the business. But. no. not Formula One.

And surely television, if covering any sport other than Formula One, found itself with such hilarious footage - a car

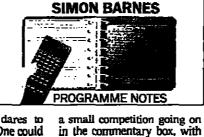
to it, pulling down the overhead gantry, which laid out the team boss, Ron Dennis, and two or three members of the pit crew — would have replayed it as often as a sequence of the elephant run-ning a mock in the Blue Peter

But no. no point. We were given a brief glimpse of this gorgeous Keystone Cop sequence and then we had a learned comment from Martin Brundle: "McLaren are very professional." It somehow didn't quite cover the situation. So he chanted on about "some slight clutch gremlin" while the roof was caving in

Oh, it was delicious stuff. And then, after the parade lap. we had a splendid bit of synchronised spontaneous combustion as two cars genteelly burst into clouds of smoke and had to be dragged off. And, as if that was not rich enough, Michael Schumacher stalled his car again.
Which is exactly what he did

in the last race of last season. when he might have won the world championship, but lost his chance by stalling at the lights. Schumacher seems to have a problem with this. No one - or to be accurate, no one inside the sport of Formula One - has ever so much as suggested that the problem might be with Schumacher. No one dares. For the same





reason, no insider dares to think that Formula One could possibly be furny. And the television coverage traditionally defers to the sport's apocalyptic view of its own importance. There were people popping contradictory things at the top of their voices at the same

in and out of garage doors as if this were an automotive version of a Feydeau farce, but no one even noticed that it was amusing.

Brundle daringly and rashly going wheel-to-wheel with Murray Walker. Frequently. the two of them were shouting

time: adding to, rather than sorting out the quite extraordinary confusion of the race. In fact, the race had lost all its logic long before the start

narrative of the race was made still more confusing by the fast inter-cutting from one car to the next: the policy was to fill the screen with colour and noise and damn the logic of

This aspect of the coverage was dreadful. Meanwhile, one significant incident after another was missed: Schumacher's various charges from the back of the field. Barichello's overtaking manoeuvre — they cut away from him just a few seconds before it happened.

The theme of farce continued: Zonta failing to give way to the race leader because he apparently didn't know the rules; Schumacher cruising in

and the tangled and tortuous for a pit stop, finding his pit crew not expecting him and so driving on: Villeneuve with bits of stuff falling off his car.

And, of course, the McLarens. The McLarens were expected to carry all before them. but they flopped out, one after the other. Walker ended the race in absolute ecstasies, but then he ends every race in absolute ecstasies. "And if the rest are as good as this, there is lots of excitement and drama to come."

Precisely. Not great sport, not really sport at all, but Formula One gives us plenty of excitement and drama, not excepting that dramatic form known as farce.

Formula One has become a different kind of sporting enter-

tainment. Television is always inventing new forms - such as, for instance, the docu-soap - and if Formula One is not sport in any exacting sense of the term, it is a wonderful and intermittently hilarious form of television.

Yet television insists on pofaced seriousness, as if it was covering a Papal election the same reverent gasp whenever a puff of smoke is to be seen. That bit when the car pulled the roof down was the funniest bit of sporting television this year. To show it only once when we get a replay every time a player punches the air was little short of criminal. Alas, we shall have to wait five weeks for the next exciting epi-

sode of sport's own docu-soap.

### 'It's a fact he'll fall in three. The world ain't run by big people; it's run by smart guys'

## Holyfield trains in the art of pain

f Lennox Lewis considers himself to be the toughest of Evander Holyfield's opponents. Holyfield sees Lewis as his easiest. In an interview with The Sunday Times last November, Holyfield graded his opponents in elementary mathematics terms: Riddick Bowe, the most difficult. was algebra. Lewis is not even addition. He is as simple as counting up to three, for the round in which the bout for the undisputed world heavyweight championship will end here in New York on Saturday, and up to ten for the knockout.

The World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion is as certain as his belief in God that the bout will not 45-minute talk in his gym in Houston. Texas, known as the House of Pain, he left me despondent about the prospects of the world heavyweight title coming back to Great Britain.

Admittedly, it was only talk, but the conviction with which he held his view made you imagine, in spite of your better judgment, that the bout was one between man and boy. Even Holyfield's polite and relaxed manner carried a hint of menace. He said: "Talk for as long as you like. I've got all the time in the world. Because I want you to tell the people in England that you spoke to the Real Deal

and he told you the real deal." He denied that his vehemence was the result of Lowis colling him. a hypocrate because he preached the word of God and fathered children out of wedlock, even after his latest marriage. Clearly, though, Lewis had got under Holyfield's skin, for, as he expounded on his opponent, he became more and

Missing

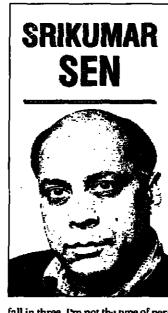
"It's not a forecast. It's a fact he'll



fall in three. I'm not the type of person who says something he can't do," Holyfield said. "All my life I've said don't say things that will embarrass you, but as I grow old the is 36l. I realise what I can do

and what I cannot do. "When people say: 'Why are you stepping out?' — I say: 'Is it wrong for a man to grow? I'm not doing it for hype, or publicity, or to get attention. I don't need these things. What Lewis said did not affect me. I've been eating good before Lennox. They've talked about me all my life, when I was poor and now when I'm wealthy."

Holyfield was more annoyed with Lewis's claim that, for the past two years, he had been avoiding the World Boxing Council champion, Lewis, he said, must have been aware that the contest had not been made because promoters and managers got in the way, not because Holyfield was



ducking him. "You should not say things that can come back on you one day." Holyfield said. "Lennox overflowed himself, telling people Americans were avoiding him. He embarrassed the whole world, saving I ducked him.

Now the time has come, all he can say is: 'I'm bigger than him.' Bring something more to the table, like being more skilful. The world ain't run by big people: it's run by smart guys. The word of God says we all have to go through our trials to become the person we are. He is coming to his trial and will he he able to say he's a man? Unfortunately, no.

"I'm not going to make it easy for him. I'm going to put it on him. He needs to be able to chalk up his defeat and tell his family it was good not to duck anybody." It was typical of the contrary nature of boxing, he said, that while

in the Land of Love, the resort in

the Pocono Mountains where Lewis trains, Lewis suffered the pain of drudgery; Holyfield's House of Pain turned out to be a place of love, of God and boxing. It was a joy for Holyfield to come to work because it gave him the

chance to pray. Unlike most boxers, who run in the early hours and train in the evening, Holyfield works in reverse order, starting at 5.30am. The move is a clever one because it keeps the watchers down to a manageable number. "He doesn't like to turn people away," an admirer

fter 30 minutes of muscle-stretching. followed by prayers, the hall reverberated to the sounds of gospel music as Holyfield went to work. "If you can incorporate prayer in everything that you do, you benefit more. So I get my confi-

Sangster to hit it.

the match.

Beethoven,

Yours faithfully,

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Sangster took another ball and, like an arch-

er at the butts, sent across a sizzling service that

connected squarely with its tiny target to send it

skidding off the court. When the applause died

down, Sangster went on to take the set 6-1 for

dence from God, not from my fists," he said. "I need my confidence to override what this guy's going to do to me, so I pray and pray. I place my faith in God. We know that our thinking ability allows our body to move and if we didn't have the spirit to think, then we wouldn't be able to do anything. My body just does what my mind tells it to and my mind is moved by the spirit of God."

Muscle man: Holyfield works out in the House of Pain, his objective to lift the unified world heavyweight crown by fulfilling his promise to knock out Lewis

Holyfield spars every other day and this was reserved only for workout. His regime for arm and leg strengthening has been scientifically worked out by Tim Hall-mark, a sports medicine expert. Holyfield was strapped, body arms and ankles to a contraption that appeared to have come form the London Dungeon called a Centreforce and he was made to go through the routine of boxing against the resisting springs. But worse was to come. First, he

had to kick a medicine ball back into the hands of Hallmark, standing 15 feet away. After three rounds of "football", it was time to play catch. The medicine ball was thrown back and forth between him and Hallmark and, at the same time, he had to move forward throwing combinations. The exercise became more and more strenuous as the elastic bands and springs were stretched to the maximum and, still, Holyfield had to

work against them. The champion explained afterwards that the aim was to strengthen his legs and, when released from the constraints of that contraption, to find speed of action. I believe in being absolutely

fit." he said. "because otherwise I would not be able to follow the instructions of my corner in a fight." He added that he considered his whole career as preparation for the contest, which was the most im-

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portant of his life as it would enable him to retire as undisputed champion.

"I'm one of those people who has watched Lennox way before this fight was made. I watch all the people I might have to fight one day," Holyfield said. "Lennox was one of the guys I watched because he was in the Olympics like me and he was a talented kid and I knew he would surface. So, I watched him a lot. I've seen all his fights and I know exactly what to expect."

Holyfield said that he owed it to boxing to leave the division a unified title when he retired. "I want to put things in order," he said. "If you clean up the kitchen and you don't do the sink, you ain't done your job and your momma is going to give you a good whipping. I don't want a whipping from my momma, so I'm going to give it to Lennox. When the job is over, the Lord will say: 'Well done.'"

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### **SPORTS LETTERS**

Sir. Last Sunday, while watching the men's sin-

gles final between Richard Krajicek and Greg

Rusedski in the Guardian Direct Cup at Batter-

sea. I was reminded of a first-round match in

1961 at the Palace Hotel (Torquay) covered-

courts tournament in which I was drawn

against top-seeded Mike Sangster (of fond mem-

ory). This was the year in which Mike was a

semi-finalist in both the Wimbledon and the

I lost the first set 6-1, repeatedly falling victim

Service delivered with a smile

the point From Mr Geoff Walters Sir. I read with interest the letter from Rob Edgerton (March I) extolling the virtues of Messrs Farrell, Connolly, Radlinski. Robinson and Newlove. While agreeing they are the country every year? So some people don't underquality rugby league players. I fear that he, along with many

rughy union followers, misses the point. They are good players because they have grown up playing a code that encourages running, handling and defensive skills that have been undervalued (until recently) in rugby union. From 1895, when the game began to evolve, administrators and lawmakers have sought to make rugby league attractive. To this end, a triple play. Perhaps Mr Hopkins is upthe reduction from 15 players to 13, the abolition of the

lineout and the addition of the play-the-hall rule have contributed. In conclusion, the players mentioned are playing the "right" code. It is Mr Edgerton and friends who should change codes to a sport that rewards running, handling, tackling and kicking skills.

Yours faithfully. GEOFF WALTERS. 7 Fox Covert, Norion Cross, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 68J.

From Mr Kim Pereira Sir, John Hopkins's account of the Andersen Consulting Matchplay Tournament was a study in British snobbery. His suggestion that we in America not understand matchplay is ludierous. Would he be surprised to learn that matchplay is standard fare in thousands of local tournaments all over

stand all the rules. So what? Even the players don't understand all the rules of golf. How many of you in England can describe the lbw rule in cricket? Or a googly? Or a Chinaman (remember Sobers'?) Mr Hopkins says that cricket is a mystery to us. Do any of you sipping tea in the pavilion know haseball? Ever heard of the infield fly rule? What's the difference between a triple and

set that no European made it past the early rounds (the English players, of course, couldn't handle the "easy course" at all). Yours sincerely KIM PEREIRA. RR 20. Box 216. Bloomington. Illinois 61701, United States.

From Mr Brin Hodge Sir, Isn't it about time that the second service was abolished in first-class tennis? The odds

to Sangster's immensely powerful and accurate services. In the third game of the second set, with a grin across the net to Sangster, the score would still be in the server's fayour - particularly in the men's game - but the receiver would have more of a chance, because the server would have to weigh up the possibilities of accuracy ver-

United States championships.

From Mr Dennis Hales

sus speed. Whoever heard of a golfer gening a second atternnt if his first tee-shot ended up in the rough? Yours faithfully, BRIN HODGÉ. 42 Windmill Avenue. Wokingham RG4I 3XD.

From Mr Richard Walker Sir. As one who watches his rugby from the Crumbie Stand at Welford Road, I read the assertion, made in your pages on March I, that Martin Johnson may be a marked man with interest but very lit-

tle surprise. I am also unsurprised by the vehemence of comments by your correspondents regarding the rucking incident involving the Leicester captain in the recent Calcutta Cup match.

While not wholly subscribing to the conspiracy theories against Leicester, it is hard not to draw certain conclusions from some of the extraordinary refereeing decisions, vitriolic remarks in the press and the hypocrisy of certain players, former players and coaches in their comments

aimed at our club. The only explanation can be that it is an example of the petty jealousies permeating the game in

However, it is not my inten-

tion to dignify those jealous-

ies, nor to justify ourselves by addressing them. I merely wish to point out that amid the fractious back-biting. squabbling and posturing of self-serving administrators. the desperate scramble of clubs for resources to pay their excessive wage bills and the rank incompetence of irresponsible officials, one factor remains constant: the regular attendances above 10,000 at Welford Road which put to shame the kind of paltry support I experienced rattling around in the sterile, soulless Madejski Stadium last

Yours faithfully. RICHARD WALKER. 26 West End, Welford. Northants NN6 6HJ.

month.

#### Going on to the offensive standing at 40-love. I placed a ball just inside the service court at the junction of the centre and service lines — and silently challenged

From Mr David Compton Sir, I note your report ["Racial disputes blight South African cricket"). Whilst accepting that some cricketing terms might give offence, let us hope that the game's unique terminology should not fall prey to excessive sensitivity.

Calling fielders "short leg" or "silly mid-off" will never. I hope, cause distress to the players concerned and may the batsman whose misfortune to have been "caught pulling" is broadcast to the world by Rich-Benaud receive sympathy and understanding from his wife when he returns home. Yours faithfully, DAVID COMPTON, Barn Close House. lichen Abbas,

From Mr James Hopper

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Sir. An event that is more than 24 centuries old can hardly be called an eccentric new sport (report, February 25). At present, I am halfway through my Classical Civilisation GCSE course and I was in-Classical Civilisation trigued to read Mr Burton Silver's claim that a long jump in which hand-held weights are used to extend the distance

would be a new sport. Weights

were used in the very first long

jump in the Olympics of Ancient Greece. A performance of 52ft has been recorded from the 29th Olympic Games in 664BC, although historians believe this is exaggerated. Yours faithfully. JAMES HOPPER

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From Mr P. J. McCloskey Sir. I don't know where Oliver Holt obtained the information that Manchester United are now clear favourites to win the European Cup. I bet that's not what the Germans, Italians, Spaniards or Ukrainians think. I'm a United fan and live in hope, but my tip would be Dynamo Kiev. Yours through untinted glasses, P. J. McCLOSKEY,

17 Elms Lane, Wembley HAO 2NX. From Mr L. Kingsley

Sir, From reading the Saturday "Statistics on Football Offenders" (February 27), the names of Frank Leboeuf, of Chelsea, and Gary Neville, of Manchester United, stand out. Could it he that there is some connection between foul play on the field and football journalism in The Times? Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE KINGSLEY, 7 St James' Close, New Malden. Surrey KT3 6DU.

#### This week in THE TIMES

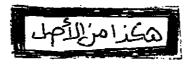


Tomorrow Tim Henman, above, seeks to continue his climb up the world tennis rankings at the Champions' Cup

Wednesday Did Arsenal close the gap on the FA Carting Premiership leaders when they played Sheffield Wednesday?

Thursday Who triumphed when Manchester United and Chelsea renewed their FA Cup tussle at Stamford Bridge?

Saturday Comprehensive guide to the weekend's football. with top columnists Danny Baker, Alyson Rudd and Frank Leboeut



#### Orr steals in as Wakefield falter

Castleford Tigers Wakefield Trinity Wildcats.. 10

MONTH MARCH

by smart guys

By MARTIN RICHARDS

WAKEFIELD had hoped for a morale-boosting victory in their first outing in the IJB Super League, but such dreams were crushed in cruel fashion when Danny Orr, the Castle-ford stand-off half, kicked two

late penalty goals.

Andy Kelly, the Wakefield coach, has assembled a squad who are prepared to fight for every inch of ground and they adapted to the deteriorating conditions better than their opponents. However, they were to be undone by two lapses in the final three minutes.

A try by Kevin Crouthers in the 57th minute had put them two points clear and when Dean Sampson, Castleford's Great Britain forward, was sent off with ten minutes left for punching, a first win for ten years over their neighbours was on.

Then the superior kicking game of Castleford came to the rescue. Orr, who had missed two first-half penalties, levelled the scores with three minutes left after Tony Kemp, the Wakefield captain, had been penalised When Brad Davis, Orr's balf-back partner, had a dropped goal attempt charged down, the ball fell to Shane Kenward, the Wakefield stand-off, in an offside position. Our stepped up to convert and the final hooter sounded.

Willie Poching, Trinity's Western Samoan forward, gave the Wildcats the lead in the 21st minute when he picked up a wayward pass to charge through for a try. Castieford replied through a try by Francis Maloney.

Andy Hodgson, the Wake-field full back, levelled the scores with a penalty, but Orr restored Castleford's lead seven minutes into the second half after Poching had been pulied up for interference.

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pitch before a world record rugby league attendance on Saturday when Sydney's new Olympic stadium played host

fans, Parramatta beat the newly-merged St George-Illawarra 20-10. Earlier, the crowd had seen

Australia staged its first sporting event in the lead up to the

### Paul inspires Bradford | Long ices St Helens cake

Bradford Bulls . Sheffield Eagles ......

By PETER WILSON

BRADFORD'S belief that they have the strength to regain the JJB Super League champion-ship will, no doubt, face sterner tests than this one. When that day comes, they will have to make far more use of possession than they managed in the таin at Odsal yesterday.

It was remarkable that such a one-sided contest was not effectively settled until ten minutes before the final hooter, when Henry Paul set up the chance for Michael Withers, on as a substitute, to score Bradford's third and decisive

It was the appearance of Paul, linking up with his younger brother, Robbie, at

half back, that provided the highlight of a miserable afternoon. The partnership, established by the signing of Henry Paul from Wigan Warriors during the close season, will obviously be far more effective in better conditions.

In the meantime, Paul Sr has established himself as a favourite among the Bradford supporters. More than 12,000 turned up yesterday to welcome the new Super League season and although there was little in the way of skilful, sweeping rugby, they went home satisfied.

Sheffield struck the first blow in the third minute, thanks to a smart piece of play from Aston, their scrum half, and a slice of good fortune. As-ton's short kick bounced off the posts into the path of the supporting Watson, who gave the Eagles the lead.

Aston added the conversion, but the early breakthrough offered only false hopes for the Eagles. Henry Paul's first goal after 12 minutes was quickly followed by Bradford's opening try from James Lowes, the hooker, who plunged in from a yard out while the Eagles

were regrouping.
Six minutes into the second half, Nathan McAvoy finished off a slick move to stretch the lead to six points and, ten minutes from the end, Withers added the final touchdown.

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Tommy Martyn's grub-kick, Salford Reds St Helens....

By A CORRESPONDENT

TWO length-of-the-field tries in the second half, both finished off from 45 metres by Sean Long, broke Salford at The Willows yesterday, but it was the St Helens defence that laid the foundations for a hard-earned, if ultimately straightforward, victory.

Salford's total domination of the first half and a fair part of the second was never reflected in the scoreline, for they were frustrated by fierce tackling.

Long completed his hattrick in the space of 21 min-utes, when he wriggled his way over four minutes from the end. Even then, St Helens were not done and Paul Sculthorpe benefited when

which appeared to be covered. rebounded off a post into his

Salford's collective role as

spectators when first Kevin Iro and then Paul Atcheson counter-attacked from their own line to give Long his first two tries hardly suggested sound defensive organisation, but, ironically, it was St Helens's great strength. It had to be good as Salford, using the kicking game to great effect, forced them to drop out from beneath their own posts seven times

within the first 13 minutes. Not content with mere survival, however, St Helens opened the scoring after 16 minutes when Iro broke clear and sent Paul Newlove over. Although Joey Hayes answered within six minutes when Salford finally moved the ball wide, he was badly at

fault in missing Newlove as the Great Britain centre dazzled Garren Casey with an outrageous dummy to score his second try.

Martin Crompton also displayed sleight of hand in claiming the second Salford try, converted by Steve Blakeley, but Long levelled the scores with the final kick of the first half. Another Blakeley penalty, early in the second half, gave Salford the lead again, but then the pendulum swung in favour of St Helens.

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#### Record for Offiah is clouded by tragic loss

London Broncos.. Huddersfield Giants.

By DAVID LAWRENSON

MARTIN OFFIAH, the London Broncos wing, confessed to having mixed emotions when he touched down late in the game to become the highest English try-scorer in rugby league history. His 447th try won the game for the Broncos in their JJB Super League opener at the Stoop Memorial Ground, but Offiah had been given the option of missing the game altogether, after the death of his father in Nigeria.

"For me, playing was the only option," Offiah said. "Normally, it's when you're doing nothing that things go through your head." Commenting on his try seven minutes from time, Offiah added: 'I almost burst into tears. I

didn't know whether to be happy or sad."

His try proved to be crucial as the Huddersfield Giants came storming back with only two points separating the teams going into the final quarter. They looked to be in trouble when the Broncos led 20-8 three minutes into the second half, but a try from Andy Cheetham, his second of the game, and another from Craig Weston hauled them

Cheetham had opened the scoring after six minutes, when he latched on to a diagonal kick from Bobbie Goulding, but London pulled away to a 14-4 lead, rattling up 12 points in eight minutes.

Goulding put his side back in the hunt with two penalties before half-time, but an early try in the second half, from Karle Hammond, after a superb break by Peter Gill, put them 12 points clear. Hudders field stuck to their task and might well have snatched vic-tory, but for Offiah's late

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### Warrington defy late onslaught

Halifax Blue Sox Warrington Wolves.....16

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WARRINGTON Wolves slithered their way to an opening-day success in the mud at The Shay yesterday. With incessant rain, coupled with an icy wind, good rugby was always going to be at a premium, but Warrington defied the elements and a ferocious late onslaught by Halifax Blue Sox to get their JJB Super League campaign off to the perfect

Despite playing into a gale in the first half, they turned round 12-8 in front and never looked back. For their part, Halifax must be thoroughly sick of the sight of Warrington, who eliminated them from the Challenge Cup seven

Graham Holroyd gave Hali-fax the lead in the fifth minute with a penalty. Steve McCur-

meeting. Dated the 1st March 1999

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rie put the Wolves on the · board as he slid over from ten yards after being fed by Simon Gillies two minutes later. Lee Briers converted for the first of his two successful kicks from three attempts.

Holroyd missed a kickable penalty and Des Clark had a try ruled out as Halifax tried to fight back and they did level through Martin Moana after 20 minutes. Holroyd edged them into the lead with a 33rd-

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final 11 minutes, from Phil Jones and Joe Walsh, gave Lancashire Lynx a 22-12 over Dewsbury in the Northern Ford Premiership.

Jones, who had already

scored the game's first try after nine minutes, touched down in the 69th minute, with Walsh following him over five minutes later to seal Lynx's second league win.

minute penalty, but Toa Koa-Love struck just before halftime to put the Wolves in command

The conditions were much worse after the break, but Warrington made light of them as Lee Penny, who finished the match with a broken thumb, plunged over after excellent work from Briers.

That gave them a 16-8 advantage and, for all Halifax's late attack, there was no way back.

either side of the half-time interval, plus three goals from Mike Fletcher, gave Hunslet a 148 win at Batley, while York pulled off a tremendous 10-8 win away to Keighley, af-ter trailing 8-4 at the break. Jamie Benn finished a smart move to level the scores and his subsequent conversion proved to be crucial, adding the match-winning points.

although Holroyd - who had a generally terrible day with the boot — kicked a penalty. Nick Pinkney dived into the corner with ten minutes left to make it 14-16 and Holroyd was unhicky as his touchline con-

version rebounded off a post. Darryl van der Velde, the Warrington coach, was disappointed with his team's performance, despite the victory. The elements played a mas sive part in the game and probably ruined it as a spectacle," he said. "but we didn't do a lot of the basics to an acceptable standard. We go to Bradford in the cup next week and if we play like that, we'll lose."

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**TENNIS** 

### Schnyder searches for solace

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN INDIAN WELLS

FOR once in her life, Martina Hingis is happy to be in the shadow of someone else. As the Evert Cup moves slowly but surely into the second and third rounds - Hingis took her appointed place with a relatively simple 6-3, 6-4 win over Alexandra Stevenson, of the United States — all eyes were upon Patty Schnyder. The pretender to Hingis's throne as Swiss No I. Schnyder's every footstep has been dogged by television crews and bevies of reporters ever since she joined forces, both on and off the court, with Rainer

Harnecker's influence over the 20-year-old Schnyder has increased steadily since the two met last December. He began as an adviser, is now her boyfriend and since he has been travelling with her on the tour, their relationship has systernatically alienated her family, her friends and her coligues in the game. At the same time, her form has fallen almost as fast as her weight --Harnecker has instituted a new vegan diet for Schnyder that includes her drinking two litres of orange juice a day.

in the early hours of Saturday morning. Schnyder just about got through her firstround match against Tamarine Tanasugarn, a woman who appears to do most of her training at the dinner table. and then claimed that at last she was rediscovering her game. "Last month, I spent more time talking to the press than on the practice court." she said. "It has to stop now. Everyone has to let me play tennis. I want to work."

Unfortunately for Schnyder, she has no one to work with. She fired her coach of three years, Eric van Harpen, after the Australian Open and then. at the beginning of last week. hired Vito Gugolz. He had worked with Schnyder when

she was a junior and again before she teamed up with Van Harpen and has been one of Schnyder's close friends for the past ten years. Gugolz flew into Indian Wells on Tuesday and, just four practice sessions later, was fired on Thursday, a decision that left Schnyder in floods of tears. Then again. since the arrival of Harnecker. any connection with Schnyder's past has been severed and she appears tentative on court and distinctly edgy off it.

She must now play Alicia Molik, a qualifier from Australia, and, in her present state, that could prove tricky. Should she win. Hingis lies in wait for her. Hingis usually has an opinion on most things just ask Amelie Mauresmo

 but about this she is awfully quiet. "It's her private business and it's not something I can discuss." Hingis said. Private or not, the WTA Tour is keeping a watching brief on the whole affair and, should Harnecker do anything untoward, it is ready to act.

Elsewhere, it was business as usual. Monica Seles grunted to victory over Elena Likhovtseva 7-6, 6-2 and a fluridden Anna Kournikova ran out of puff to lose 7-6, 1-6, 7-5 to Silvia Farina. It was Kournikova's forehand that sprayed errors around the court.

Today, the attention will fall on the men for the start of the Newsweek Champions Cup. The draw did British hopes few favours, placing Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski in the same quarter. They are scheduled to meet in the third round, with the winner due to meet Pete Sampras in the quarter-finals.

Henman is keen to renew their doubles partnership prior to the Davis Cup-tie next month, but Rusedski, with a runner's-up spot to defend this week, has more on his mind and is delaying a decision.



Boardman is flanked by O'Grady, left, and Vandenbroucke after winning the opening time-trial of the Paris-Nice. Photograph: Laurent Rebours

### Boardman beats the clock again Jeremy Whittle finds the British cyclist in

earned his first significant win since the 1998 Tour de France prologue with victory in the opening time-trial of the week-long Paris-Nice stage race in Boulogne-Billancourt

vesterday. "I knew that this was primarily a flat course," Boardman. who now leads the race overall, said, "It was well suited to me, so victory here became

my first objective of the year."
The Great Britain cyclist won by 2sec from Stuart O'Grady, of Australia, his team-mate, and by 6sec from Franck Vandenbroucke, of Belgium, the defending champion. However, with several mountainous stages still to come as the race heads south to the Cote d'Azur, Boardman is being realistic.

"I've had only six days of racing this year, so I'd say that I have only an outside chance of still leading the race by the time we get down to the south-ern Alps." he said. tenders for final victory are Vandenbroucke and Lance Armstrong, a former cancer

pragmatic mood as the hills approach

sufferer, from Texas. Both riders have enjoyed mixed fortunes this spring. Vandenbroucke has suffered the loss of a cousin in a car crash and is missing the services of Nico Mattan, his valued team-mate, who has been sidelined with a heart murmur. In spite of those shocks. Vandenbroucke has already won three leading races this spring and seen his wife give birth to the couple's first child. Armstrong had begun the

season well, until he dislocated his shoulder while racing in Spain a fortnight ago. Despite that setback, he is determined to be competitive and is relishing the challenge of the key stage next Saturday, a gruelling climb to the summit finish at the Alpine ski resort

of Valherg.
In Spain, Marco Pantani, the Tour de France champion. has picked up where he left off last year, winning the five-day Tour of Murcia after an explosive lone attack on the hilly penultimate stage. Although Pantani is insisting that he may not defend his Tour de France title this summer. blaming the blandness of the 1999 Tour route and its lack of mountains for his reluctance. the diminutive Italian is wideexpected to change his mind, once he has completed the Tour of Italy in June

The immediate future of two other leading riders remains more deeply in doubt. Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour de France winner, is enduring an-

other of his characteristically wobbly periods, despite having trained hard all winter to avoid a repetition of his poor form of 1998, while French national Laurent Jalabert, of France, has yet to race on home turf this season.

Ulirich, 25, is already suffering from exhaustion after a bout of flu and a wisdom tooth operation, which is forcing him to delay his competive return, while Jalabert and ONCE, his Spanish team, still embroiled in a tetchy battle with the French authorities after their walkout at the Tour last summer, seem to be reluctant to cross the French

The dust from the doping scandals of nine months ago has still to settle, but the organisers of Paris-Nice, hit by a fall in sponsorship after the revelations, are fervently honing that the 66th Race to the Sun will arrive unsulfied on the Meditteranean coast next

#### Oxford make a rapid start

By MIKE ROSEWELL

OXFORD and Cambridge Universities outclassed opposition in private races on the Tideway yesterday. Oxford, competing against

Tideway Scullers in two races between Putney and Hammer-smith, showed remarkable speed out of the blocks and the Scullers, albeit with two substitutes on board, were a length down in 46sec in the first con-

Oxford then powered on, generally at 34 strokes a minute, to lead by five lengths at the mile and, although they then dropped the rate to 32. they held a similar margin at

the finish. The Scullers were livelier off the start in the second race and Oxford did not clear them until Imin 48sec, but the winning margin was again some five lengths at the mile and the

The Cambridge opponents. a London RC lightweight crew, held on to the Light Blues for rather longer in their two rows. In the first, from Putney to Hammersmith, Cambridge took three minutes to gain one length, then, in spite of warnings to Vian Sharif, their coxwain, opened a margin of four lengths by Hammersmith. The second race saw Cambridge win, again with some warnings, by

2½ lengths.

Cambridge were timed unof ficially as around 5sec faster than Oxford, but they kept their rate higher from the mile. Both crews have power, but Oxford, at the moment are using it with more tidi-

Isis, the Oxford reserve crew, were second at the Reading Head on Saturday behind Oxford Brookes, who retained their title.

The event was in doubt until six hours before the start, when the river authority removed flood warnings and 73 of the scheduled 102 crews were allowed to race.



While Boardman added an-

other time-trial win to his long

list of victories against the

clock, most attention focused

on the return to French racing

of Richard Virenque, the

former leader of the Festina

team, who was expelled from

the Tour de France last year af-

Virenaue, who has consist-

ently protested his innocence

since then, was set to retire

from the sport last winter.

Then, however, Polti, the Ital-

ian team, came in with an elev-

enth-hour offer to rescue the

popular Frenchman's falter-

ing career and Virenque is now rebuilding his fitness

with the 1999 Tour as his prin-

Despite the presence of

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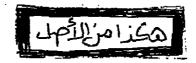
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## Moment of magic helps Phillips tie up victory

Phillip was, slightly insultingly but brutally honestly, best known for the splendidly trivial act that he wore a tie on the gol course. Yesterday, he finally cast aside the noose around his neck and became famous for something else when he won the Algarve Portuguese Open at the first hole of a play-off against John

Phillps, 26, and Bickerton, 29, coud not be separated at the top if the leaderboard after 54 hole and, after matching 68s, they were still locked togetheion 276, 12 under par, at the end of 72. They had long since ben the only combatants for the title, Robert Karlsson. Alexander Cejka and Santiago Liña all having finished three stokes behind.

They presented a striking

Scores

contrast in height and physique: Phillips 5ft 7in and llst, Bickerton 5in taller and 3st hearier. It was a classic catchweight contest and this time thegood little un beat the

Bicketon led by a shot on the 17th tee, but the portents were lot good. He had bogeved the hole during the third round on Saturday and remained consistent by doing so again Three holes earlier. he had lid by two strokes and now he was level; he was

never to ead again. The shot that won the tournament for Phillips was his second a the 18th hole. He pulled lis tee-shot behind trees and was left with his feet on a cartbath that gave him as much gip as carpet slippers on an ite rink, behind trees, 200 yards from the pin, with Bickerton in the middle of the fairway Calamity loomed: the way in which he averted it was

little short of sorcery.

He declined to take relief from ground under repair since to have done so would have pushed him farther behind the timber. Instead, he played a huge cut shot that bent 30 yards and finished up 30ft from the hole. Two putts later, he was in for a birdie

Bickerton's thoughts as he watched Phillips's recovery can only be imagined - he had played the hole virtually perfectly and had ended up no better off than his opponent. At such moments are golf tournaments won and lost.

Bickerton could not have helped but quake a little as he returned to the 17th for the play-off. There was a sequence that absolutely had to be broken if he were to remain in the contest. And he did not to break it, flopping a 20-yard chip feebly into a bunker after missing the green in two. Phillips, meanwhile, lagged up to 2ft and holed the second putt. Bickerton had to hole his bunker shot to keep the piece alive. and failed. Of course he did; his bogey hole had once again proved to be his bogey hole.

Phillips, who won a point for Great Britain and Ireland when they were trounced 19-5 by the United States in the Walker Cup in 1993, thus picked up 93,320 Euros, which, for those who prefer their currency in real money. converts to about £66,650 the biggest prize of his career.

It was quite a moment for him, but one that was not, apparently, enhanced by the fact that he had won on a course that had been designed by Sir Henry Cotton, patriarch of Penina. "I can't say it had any effect on me at all," he said with blissful insouciance. "He designed a good golf course and that's as far as it goes for me." Oh dear.



Phillips concentrates on his way to victory in the Portuguese Open yesterday

## Position in driving seat eludes worried Bjorn

THOMAS BJORN was at a loose end yesterday. Although he had completed his fourth round at the Doral-Ryder Open, finishing four over par, Greg Kraft, Ernie Els and Glen Day, the three leaders, had not yet begun their final rounds and David Toms had moved to 1) under par by eagling the first two holes, a parfive and a par-four, and then

producing a birdie at the 3rd. Bjorn was at a loss to know how to get to Coral Springs, 30 minutes' drive from here. where the Honda Classic takes place this week. He had been lent a car for the duration of the tournament, but that had been taken from him.

In Europe, the solution would have been simple. Bjorn would have been given a ride in the courtesy cars that ferry players from their hotels to the course and back again and to and from airports. Here, Bjorn was on his own. In the end, he took a taxi for the 15-mile journey. This was another demonstration of the

FROM JOHN HOPKINS caddie, said, "but over here he **GOLF CORRESPONDENT** IN MIAMI differences between the Unit-

ed States and European tours. Bjorn, though a Ryder Cup player in 1997 and a likely starter this year, is a newcomer in terms of major championships. He has competed in only seven championships in his competitive career, four of them in the United States.

He will compete in his eighth when he makes his debut at the Masters in four weeks' time, the result of being in the top 50 players at the end of last year. Bjorn's form, therefore, is of some concern

He dismissed his golf last week with one word. "Rubbish," he said. It was his fifth event of the year, his second in the United States and his first strokeplay event on this continent. "Put Thomas on a typical course in Europe and he will hole putts from all over the place," Martin Gray, his

can't seem to read the greens at all. Even his shots into the green have to take into account whether they are down

grain or against the grain."

Bjorn took 117 putts in his four rounds, which is an ac-ceptable total. Less acceptable was the fact that he reached only 43 of the 72 greens in the required number of strokes.

Patrik Sjoland started steadily and unspectacularly in his attempt to finish among the top five, a result that he had been told would be good enough to earn him sufficient points to climb one place in the world rankings - to No 50 - and so gain an invitation to the Masters.

Sioland, four under par at the start of his round, dropped one stroke on the 2nd hole. That seemed to galvanise him. He birdied the 5th and then rounded out his homeward half with a spectacular run of three successive birdies to move to seven under par, with nine holes remaining.

## Price proves that the nice guys can win

he helicopter rose slowly, its rotors spinfuriously, dipped its nose and The symbol N407 NP on the green fuselage denoted it be-longed to Nick Price, who was sitting in the co-pilot's seat. Nick Price, the nicest man in

golf, was going home. But there's the rub. Where is the heart of the man who was born in South Africa of an English mother now resident in Norfolk, grew up in Zimba-bwe, who follows cricket and rugby throughout the world, whose nephew bowled Sachin Tendulkar when Zimbabwe A played india recently and now

My real home will always be Zimbabwe and I don't want to lose that identity." Price said. "I love Zimbabwe. But because my kids are growing up in America, this is my home now. I could not go back and live in Zimbabwe for the next 15 years because I want my kids to have the best possible education, but I think in time I would be able to spend half the year there and half the year here. Maybe if things were very stable in the future, I'd probably go back there full

What is happening in Zimbabwe is hurting Price deeply and, in a gesture of help, he has donated his earnings from three Presidents' Cup tournaments to children's centres and orphanages in that

"It is the most depressing thing," he said. "They are having a tough time surviving. I phone home three or four times each week and there are things going on there that sad-den me. Unless something happens, the country will be bankrupt soon. The Government needs to create a new infrastructure because the one that we've got is not working." Price is working, on the oth-

er hand. He is flying high again after a fallow period that followed his stellar years in the early Nineties, when he won three major championshins and the Players Championship in a dazzling 23-month spell. In both the 1997 and 1998 seasons, he won more than \$1 million (about £625,000) and his 15 victories on the US PGA Tour in the Nineties was three more than any other player. Price is aware that good

times are just down the next

fairway and, as he tells you

this, his piercing blue eyes gleam, his voice throbs with excitement and you cannot help but feel swept up by his enthu-

"I wish I could stop everything because I am enjoying life so much now," he said. "I feel at last I have all the ducks in a row. The children are in the right school. Everyone has their health. I sometimes think

'I wish it could all stop now because I'm enjoying life so much'

He was 42 a little over one month ago. He looks too young to be described as old, too old to be called young. His grieving at the death from leukaemia of Squeaky Medlen, his long-time caddie, has ended and, after four years and a huge capital outlay, he, Sue, his wife, and their three children are happily settled in their dream house on Jupiter Island (Greg Norman is a neighbour) near Palm Beach.

and I had a vision of what we wanted our house and our life to be like and we have worked really hard to get to where we are now. The vision was to have space for all of us where we can do the things we want to do - fish and spend holidays together as a family, be in the sun, have good weather. I always felt a happy family is a healthy family and if there is no stress and no aggre and you take care of the kids, they

JOHN

will take care of you." Price has a high regard for the way in which he was brought up and has tried to instil many of the same values in his own children.

"I am conscious it might be difficult for them, being the children of a rich father," he says. "My son knows we are rich. His friends see the money that we make in the papers. He'll get over that. It is up to me to try to explain to him that the money we make is a by-product of doing something I

love doing very well.
This is what he has to understand, not that I play for the money, because, when I started playing golf, I was just trying to make a living at the game. When he gets older and we go out in a fishing boat together, I'll be able to tell him: This is how it happened.

Price's assistants started circling, reminding one of how rich and successful is the man ranked No 9 in the world of golf. One handed him a cigarette, which he smoked surreptitiously. Another brought him a pair of cycling shoes complete with rubber-studded soles and took his golf shoes from him as he changed out of them. There 18. Climbed into the co-priors was and began studying the chartols. Nick Price, the nicest main in

## Farah puts language to good use

ONE of the most heartening sights in sport on Saturday was at the English Schools Cross Country Championships, where rain, sleet, snow, mud aid a chill wind were defied with admirable fortitude. And that was just by the officials and spectators.

For many of the 2,000 competitors, the experience on the hills of Stopsley Park, Luton must have been a searing one. Yet, over the past 40 years, this event is where international stars have been nurtured. Peter Elliot, Eamonn Martin, Juhan Genter, Paula Radeliffe and Christina Boxer have won titles, while Seb Coe. David Moorcrest and Steve Cram

have all been prominent. Cram remembers the significance of the championships in which he finished third in 1975, terming it a "good inchearsal" for events such as the Commonwealth and Clympic Games. "We were away from home, possibly for he first time, put into a strangeenvironment with people you haven't run against. which is what you go through in a major championship."

John Goodbody

watches the next generation of British athletes shine

in the mud One runner who showed the potential on Saturday to make an impact as an adult was Mohammed Farah, 15, from Feltham Community School, Middlesex, who skimmed over the cloving surface to take

the intermediate 6.500 merres

title in 21min 22sec, nearly a

minute clear of his Abdi Ali, his Middlesex team-mate. The winner of the junior title two years ago, he has run 3.000 metres on the track in Smin 33sec and has both pace and stamina allied to a smooth style. Farah came to Great Britain from his native Somalia in 1993 and, for a while, always finished second because



he had to track a front-runner as he could not understand the directions from the course marshals. Now he speaks English fluently and is making everyone else follow him.

Alan Watkinson, his PE teacher, said: "He has learnt most of his English from athletics. The sport has given him great self esteem '

Farah has told Alex McGee, his coach at Hounslow AC, that he wants to cut 20sec off his 3,000 metres time this year, which would be extraordinary. However, McGee said: "His attitude to training has changed recently because we have some other boys of

real quality coming into the training group and they have pushed him."

Steven Vernon, 18, of Ridge Danyers College, Greater Manchester, took the senior boys' 8,000 metres title, driftaway from Christopher Bolt, of Berkshire, who had been running alongside him at the start of a long third loop. Vernon used to suffer from a series of viruses, but he has been in good health since having his tonsils removed last year.

Had he been tempted during his troubles to give up the sport? "I thought about it, but, once you've got the bug for running, you keep at it." he said. So has Courtney Birch, 14.

from Millfield School, Somerset. She was second in the 1998 national age group swimming championships for the 400 me-tres individual medley, but she went one better on Saturday as she won the junior girls 3,500 metres title. Another notable win came from Hatie Dean, of St Helen's and St Katherine's School, Oxford-shire, who beat a cluster of talented senior girls in the 4,500

**HOCKEY:** HIGHTOWN RECOVER TWICE TO SECURE LAST PLAY-OFF POSITION

## Cullen performance

the England and Great Britain striker, helped Hightown to come from behind twice to beat Inswich, the leaders, and secure the fourth and last place alongside Slough, Ipswich and Clifton in the Women's National League premier division play-offs (Cathy Har-

Culien's treble, including the winner two minutes from time, was in response to two goals by Sarah Bamfield and took her tally to 18 for the season, showing why she is not only the league's leading goalscorer but the all-time overall markshan in the league.

While the Merseyside team were making sure of their spot in the top four, several other important fixtures involving clubs antious for their futures were postponed because of

#### snow-covered pitches. Sutton Coldfield and Doncaster, who are struggling at the foot of the table, were among those affect-

dents, who faced a crucial game against Bradford. After the postponed match away to Doncaster on Saturday, Slough took a step closer to finishing ahead of Ipswich in pole position in the table after Fiona Greenham and Karen Brown, their internationals, scored a goal in each half in their 2-1 victory over

ed. as were Loughborough Stu-

level on points with the Suffolk In wet, windy and cold conditions, neither team produced a vintage performance, with Slough going 2-0 ahead before Denise Marston-Smith reduced the deficit in the last

Clifton yesterday to put them

## Ipswich humbled by Late goal by Simons rescues Southgate

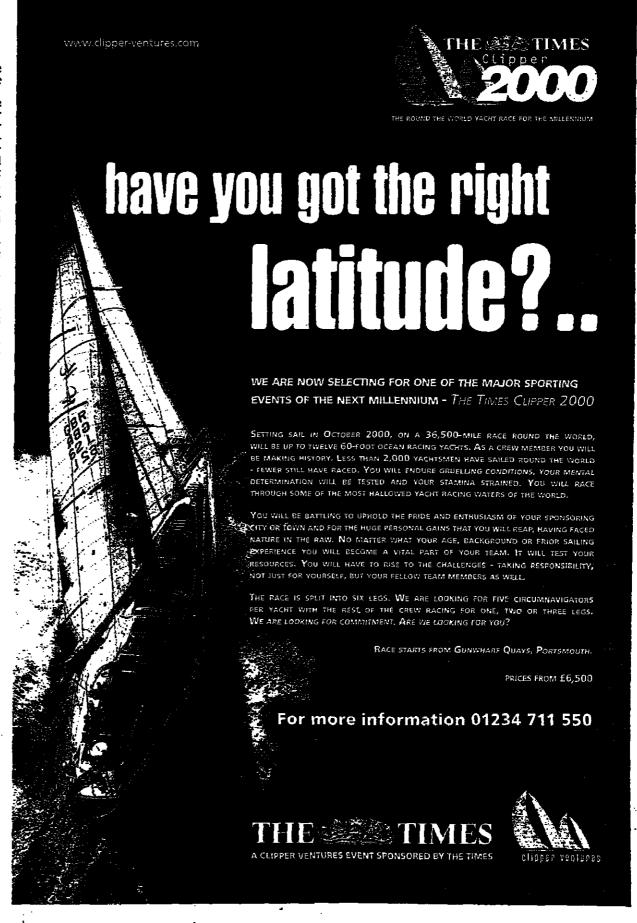
SOUTHGATE recovered twice at home yesterday to share four goals with Cannock the current National League premier division champions (Sydney Friskin writes). The game was marred by bad weather that made playing conditions difficult and may have accounted for Cannock's lapses in front of goal.

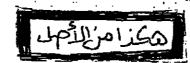
If Sharpe had hit the target midway through the second half, Cannock would have gone 3-1 ahead. Instead. Southgate shared the points with a well-taken goal by Simons with only four minutes left.

The lead that Edwards had given Cannock from a short corner in the 23rd minute was cancelled out by Shaw nine minutes before half-time, only for Mayer to restore Cannock's advantage off the rebound from another short corner ten minutes into the second half. Reading, who had knocked

Canterbury out of the EHA Cup a week ago, beat the Kent side at home 6-3, with Peam and Ashdown scoring two goals each. Guildford were trounced 7-1 at home by Teddington, with Garrard scoring three goals. Jennings had put Guildford in the lead from a short corner in the secand minute.

Brooklands recorded their first win in 18 matches by beating Hounslow 3-2, but are still bottom of the table. A flooded pitch at Hull caused the postponement of the first division match against Surbiton, who would have been without Nichol, their forward. He was busy scoring two goals for South Africa in a 3-2 victory over Australia in Pretoria.





# A swinging time had by all



Sally Jones plays the supportive parent as her children enjoy their first taste of gymnastics

gasp as the small group of newcomers crept into the high, spacious gymnasium and took in the sheer variety of apparatus on show: trampettes, tempting rings swinging from the ceiling, a vaulting horse with a run-up the length of the gym, a four-inch beam at waist height surrounded by deep-pile crash-mats and two sets of bars, asymmetric and single, above a deep pit filled with mountains of foam-rubber chunks for the softest of landings. Among the first-timers were my two children, Roly, 8. and Madeline, 6, who looked

suitably amazed. "It's like the best playground you ever saw." Roly said. "Can I have a swing like that boy? He pointed to a wiry-looking 9-year-old who was flicking his legs to and fro as he hung like a pendulum from the high rings, an instructor at the

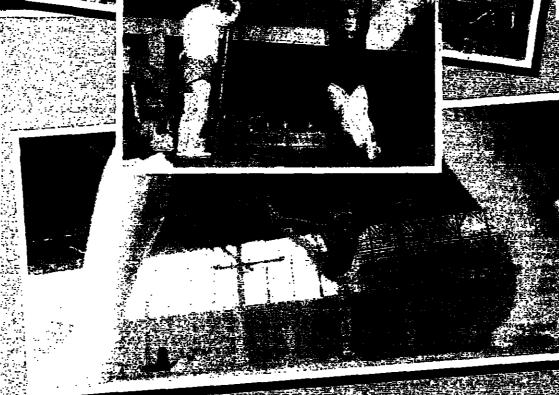
ready in case of a fall. Madeline, meanwhile, was transfixed by the sight of a tiny, muscular girl in a white, sparkly leotard, sprinting down the tumbling track and, after a series of spectacular back-flips. finishing with a double back somersault into the



foam pit. Impressed though she was by the fluent turnbling, it was the leotard that Madeline really coveted and the look of longing said more clearly than any words that her own garb, the white T-shirt and shorts of her school gym kit, was definitely second-best. It was an auspicious start to

both children's first taste of gymnastics, as the newest recruits to Coventry Olympic Gymnastics Club in the gym at Warwick University.

"Line up, everyone," Tex Coton, tough, jolly ex-Army PTI who runs the club, instructed, "Stand tidy!" At once, the 30 children working in small groups on the different pieces of apparatus



Gymnastics offers children the chance to swing, leap and bounce their way through training sessions. Rather than a place of hard graft, gymnasiums can be more like playgrounds to many. Photographs: Stuart Harrison

dashed over and formed neat lines, feet turned out, arms held at their sides, hands rounded balletically. The newcorners slouched and drooped, feet turned in until shown the desired posture, but, from then on, they stood like pouter pigeons, aching to emulate the

The hour-long afternoon gym each week, caters for children aged from 5 to 18 with a variety of standards - from total beginners to national squad members. The club includes several youngsters with special needs, among them Laura Bateman, 13, who

was born with a hip problem class, one of scores held at the that left her with one leg shorter and thinner than the other.

Bateman, the British junior disabilities champion, who astoundingly, achieved a place in the ablebodied county squad, regularly trains for four hours a day, achieving high-level moves,

like back-flips on the beam, which means that she can compete on equal terms with ablebodied youngsters at regional level. She has also amazed doctors by building up so much strength in her weaker leg that, apart from a slight limp.

it is hard to believe that she is

disabled at all.

The whole class did a string of stretching and suppling exercises, humping and hollowing their backs, sitting with legs straight and wide apart then walking their hands out as far as they could between them. Roly yelped when his ham-string twinged as Coton pressed down gently on his back, but he giggled as he finally succeeded in pushing himself up into a bridge, then admired the perfect arch of Reece Cleall, 10, a relative newcorner but one of the club's

most promising boys.

Madeline took her first tentative steps on the beam, learning to walk along it, arms out. head held high, swinging her feet through with pointed toes and trying small, two-footed jumps, knees locked together fore and aft ("Look at me tightrope-walking, mummy ). After several minutes of painstaking hopscotch steps, she got the hang of the run-up for the vault, dashing on to the springboard and bouncing off it twofooted to land, feet together, between her hands on top of the

By now, Roly had achieved his ambition on the rings and was swinging for minutes on end, legs straight and (roughly) together, face puce and wreathed in smiles ("Remember to keep breathing, mate!"). Madeline watched rapt as her heroine in the white leotard. Lizzie Garbutt, 9, a slender sprite with exquisite poise and

extension and the West Midlands under-10 team jumbling champion, went through her floor routine.

The youngest children end-ed the class bouncing on the trampettes and jumping off with a half-twist in the air before landing on the trick mats. flexing their knees neatly. The whole group then sprinted at top speed around the gym and threw themselves into the pit of foam-rubber beneath the bars in a giggly finale that panished the atmosphere of ustained concentration.

need to focus for a solid hour of a range of unfamilia drills plus the physical depands of the session proved b be exhausting, but everyore left the gym smiling with a sense of purpose and achievement.

Now, four sessions later, Madeline and Roll are as enthusiastic as ever but far more attuned to the discipline of standing tidily in line waiting their turn and following instructions. They even practise bridges and handstands in the garden and Madeline pleads for a red velvet leotard several times a day. For the moment, though, this has ben put on hold as retribution for an energetic bouncing lession in which her bed proved unequal to the combined weight of two excited children using it as a trampette.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Today's hand comes from a new book, Expert Tuition, by Raymond and Sally Brock. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Dealer West	E-W Game	IMPs
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(l) Astro, showing hearts and another suit

Four Hearts is an excellent game. Declarer needs either to take two ruffs in the dummy, or to set up an extra trick in the club suit or ... a

misdefence. Declarer won the spade lead, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club. She then played the jack of diamonds from hand which West won with the gueen and switched to a trump. Declarer won in dummy and ruffed a club high, now needing the club break because she was not going to be allowed to take

two ruffs in the dummy. West now made the mistake of overruffing and play-ing a second trump. With only two of dummy's trumps having been drawn, declarer was back on track. She simply conceded a diamond and laier ruffed a diamond and a spade in the dummy.

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: six of spades This is a fairly common defensive situation in which it is generally wrong to overruff. for by so doing you draw only one of your opponents' trumps with one of yours. If you can gain the lead and then play your ace of trumps you draw two of their trumps

with one of yours. Expert Tuition is written in a chatty style as a conversation between the two authors who have played a 64-board match in the same team but in different partnerships. All 64 hands are dis-cussed in detail

The book (published by B. T. Batsford) is available from Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Road, London NWI 3AR; tel: 0171 388 2404, price £9.99 including postage and

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# Kasparov dominates

plicated and exciting game, Garry Kasparov has moved into a seemingly decisive lead in the elite tournament at Linares in Spain, Kasparov con-solidated his lead by drawing against his other main rival, Vladimir Kramnik, in the eleventh round.

olent counterattack as Black with his own king marooned in the centre. After virtually unfathomable complications, Anand's resistance cracked when he missed a likely draw in a difficult endgame and soon had to resign. White: Viswanathan Anand

> Sicilian Defence 66 cxd4 N/6 a6 e6 b5 h6 Nbd7 Bb7 b4 65

Diagram of final position 5 A & 1

Missed opportunity On move 47 the move 47 Nc3 should draw. In the final position Black wins after 51 Kxa4 Nb6+ 52 Ka5 Nc4+ 53 Ka6 (if 53 Ke4 Bc2 is an amazing mate) 53 ... Bc8+ 54 Ka7 Kxb5 55 Kb8 Nd6 and Black wins. Keene online You can send me your queries.

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**UPANISHADS** 

a. Far Eastern dwellings h. Protective legwear c. Sacred writings

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b. Solar scale c. Calculus

VENTIFACT

WORD-WATCHING

a. Shaped stone b. Tailoring style c A blowhole

POPINJAY a. The peacock b. A zip fastener

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## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

By defeating his main rival, Viswanathan Anand, in a com-

The win against Anand by Kasparov is extraordinary, with Kasparov launching a vi-

Black: Garry Kasparov Linares 1999 e4 Nf3

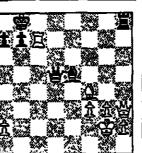
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### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Macieja -Stefanova. Elista 1998. All White's pieces are under attack, but White found a clear cut way to simplify the position to advantage. What did White play?

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## Dedication the name of the game in pursuit of stardom

GYMNASTICS was widely practised in Ancient Greece and Rome and remains an enjoyable, all-round system for strengthening and making the whole body supple. Most children undertake some form of gymnastics at school and an estimated 300,000 belong to specialist clubs, training in artistic gymnastics or another of the allied disciplines such as sports acrobatics (mainly floor work), tumbling or rhythmic gymnastics, which is performed to music and involves apparatus including clubs, hoops, ropes and balls as part of its routines.

Female artistic gymnasts compete on four pieces of apparatus — beam, floor, vault and asymmetric bars; the men work on six - parallel bars, high bar, pommel horse, vault, floor and rings. Competitors perform choreographed routines that must include the prescribed elements appropriate to their level. They are judged on execution, including neatness,

power, control and interpretation, as well as on the degree of difficulty attempted. In general, the judges give marks out of ten for each routine and medals are awarded to the top performers on the individual pieces of apparatus as well as to the overall winners who achieve the best combined marks from all the disciplines. At the highest level, gymnastics is a gruelling, all-consuming discipline akin

Suppleness remains an essential ingredient

if young gymnasts are to reach the top

to ballet in the dedication that it demands. The correct physique is vital; most top gymnasts are short, with narrow hips and powerful legs to produce the ideal blend of strength, speed and lightness. Natural flexibility, particularly in the back and legs. is also a great advantage, reducing the hours of conditioning needed to reach the top.

Traditionally, Eastern European countries have dominated the sport. Thou-sands of talented youngsters as young as 5 and their parents are measured to check whether they should develop the correct physique. The most gifted and dedicated then train for up to six hours a day in sports schools with top-class coaches, competing internationally across the world, a system that has produced scores of champions but also a high drop-out rate, because of chronic injury, anorexia (a significant problem among young female gymnasts obsessed with the need

to stay knife-thin), burn-out and foredom with such a lifestyle.

Over the past two decades, thanks to the influence of tiny prodigies such as Olga Korbut and Nadia Commeci, the emphasis, particularly in women's gymnastics, has shifted away from a more artistic and balletic style towards athletic, technically complex routines with spectac-ular tumbling at a premium. This was the main reason for the emergence of the crop of waif-like stars, many barely into

The pendulum, however, is perhaps beginning to swing the other way. Svetlana Boginskaya, of Belarus, a former Olympic champion and a notably feminine performer, amazed the symnastic world when she took overall silver at the European championships in 1996 at the age of 24. At the start of 1997, a rule was introduced to prevent girls younge than 16 from competing in world, European and Olympic championships at senior level.

to ease the pressure on the teeragers.

Great Britain's elite gymnats train mainly at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall, but, although their schedules are now comparable with the Eastern Europeans in terms of diet, mental attitude and injuries, the general approach is far less authoritarian.

SALLY JONES

## **FACT BOX**



**HOW TO START:** There are almost 1,000 clubs registered with the British Gymnastics Association (BGA) in Great Britain, ranging form tow-key organisations, with a handful of children training for a few hours a week, to top-class outlits, such as the national women's champions, Heathrow and City of Liverpool, with many membes of es working in state-of-the-art gyms with top coaches. ar ages working in state-of-the-art gyms with top coaches.

COST: Club subscriptions range from £20 to £1.00 a term, depending on the size and professionalism of the operation.

MIT: As gymnasts train and compete barefoot, they need little specialist clothing, apart from a leotard: £10-£30 depending on quality and a tracksuit usually costing between £10 and £50 TESTS: The BGA sets a series of graded age-group tests from herizons level up to interestional state of the series and the series are the series of the series and the series are the series and the series are the series and the series are the beginner level up to international standard. Many gymnasts who simply train for fun and exercise opt to take only the recreational level tests rather than the competitive ones. Moving up the gades at the higher levels depends on success in appropriate competitions as well as passing the relevant tests. For safety reasons, gymnasts are only allowed to move on to the next level after proving that they are ready to attempt it. WHERE TO WATCH BRITAIN'S STARS IN ACTION: March 13: Adam Shield, Leeds (the men's most sought-after and oldest team championship). **March 20:** Women's international:

Great Britain v Slovakia, at the Guildford Spectrum (plus worren's grade championships). March 20: Northwest Open, Liverpool (men's championships). April 17-18: Women's club team

championships, Bognor.
INFORMATION: The British Gymnastics Association, Membership
Department, Ford Hall, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Nr
Newport, Shropshire, TF10 9NB. Tel: 01952 820330. Coventry Olympic Gymnastics Club (Tex Coton): Tel: 01203 711068.



# Dunwoody adds finishing touch to Florida Pearl

LOCAL disillusion, after the Irish had once again spread their dreams under English feet at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, was no less painful for its familiarity. Yet the odds against the rugby team had, at least; been ruefully acknowl-

edged throughout.

Dublin's other dream of Anglo-Irish sporting mastery has glo-Irish sporting mastery has no such insulation against failure. In the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, aspirations for Florida Pearl will not be tempered by rumantic inclulgence of the underdog. This time, Ireland descript home Iraland aspects. does not hope. Ireland expects.

Florida Pearl is the most precious cargo of a frenzied threeday invasion of the Cotswolds, starting tomorrow week, even though Istabraq is odds on to retain the Smurfit Champion Hurdle. In contrast to Istabraq, there remain one or two questions over Florida Pearl the most important of which he addressed anew yesterday. after racing at Leopardstown

Two hundred racegoers lingered to watch him schooling over eight fences, his white face drawing their binoculars in the gathering murk.

Excepting one point-to-point in his youth, Florida Pearl has had only five chases. In falling on his reappearance at the Christmas meeting, he had betrayed an inexperience that might seriously compromise him against Teeton Mill. His big British rival is, after all, unforgiving in the accuracy of his

But Willie Mullins, trainer

2.00 Iron Mountain, 2.30 Dockmaster, 3.00

Rossel 3.30 Eastern Project 4.00 Supreme

Spice. 4.30 Danbys Gorse. 5.00 Mount Stuart.

2.00 MCEWANS 70/- JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE

2.30 FORTH FM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING

3-1 Pauher, 4-1 Pagregio, 6-1 She's All Heart, 13-2 Bridge Page, 8-1 Dockmasser, Na Careste, 10-1 Associacoa, Indian Vicercy, 12-1 others.

5-4 Charming Gut. 2-1 Rossel, 4-T Stash The Cash, 14-1 Keball, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.00 MCEWANS 88/- HOVICES CHASE

HANDICAP HURDLE(£2,304: 3m) (10)

(4-Y-0: 72,374: 2m) (15 runners) \*\*\*

By CHRIS McGrath

of Florida Pearl, believes that the potential advantages of a light preparation, in terms of the horse's longevity at the top, outweigh any disadvantages. Mullins has played his Cheltenham cards with unerri ing cool in the past, and suc-cess in the Irish Hennessy last month will have encouraged his compatriots that he will again get it right with Florida Pearl, who has won at the last two Festivals.

RICHARD EVANS

Ruby Walsh schooled the horse at home on Friday and yesterday Richard Dunwoody, his Gold Cup partner. was on hand to apply the finishing touches. He was accompanied by David Casey on Native-Darrig, who goes for the Guinness Arkle Trophy. That was a nice piece of work." Dunwoody reported. "I sat off the other horse because we wanted him to settle, and he did that well. I just let him pop away and moved



Lord Gyllene, the 1997 Martell Grand National winner. faces a race against time to be fit for this year's renewal

## Lord Gyllene bid on hold FONTWELL PARK

away with the 1997 Martell Grand National, may again be denied a return to the scene of his finest hour by injury (Chris McGrath writes). Such an uninhibited horse on his day, Lord Gyllene has been hindered by various physical problems since his Aintree success, missing the whole of last season with leg trouble. Now he is labouring with the pulled muscle that last week saw him ruled out of the Cheltenham Festival, and

the National on April 10. "He is still very sore and is not coming along as we would like." Steve Brookshaw, his trainer, said yesterday. "We've got our fingers crossed and are doing more tests, so we should know more in a week." Brookshaw added that Listen Timmy. left idle by the abandonment of Doncaster on Saturday, would go to the Festival for either the Mildmay of Flete or Cathcart

may not be ready in time for

Another big-race winner who has not enjoyed the ideal preparation for a repeat bid is Silver Charm. The superbly tough grey, who held off Swain in an epic duel for the Dubai World Cup last year. met with his second defeat of 1999 in the grade one Santa Anita Handicap on Saturday.

He was beaten half a length and the same into third by Free House, but Bob Baffert considered him unlucky. "He had no place to go," the trainer said. "Every time he tried to get out, they would close it up

on the poor guy."
The Dubai World Cup, on March 28, vividly marks a change of tempo for the new Flat season, which follows hard on the heels of Cheltenham. David Harrison will be in good heart for the turf campaign, after a startling 183-1 success on Holy Grail in the Hong Kong Derby over the

trained by Barber, said Char-

215-miler\*:

lie Strong "should make a nice

Clive Hitchings, owner of

Thatsforeel, was pleased with his horse's run against race-lit opponents. "He'll come on a

lot for the run and wants fast-

er ground than this," he said. Elsewhere, Grimley Gale

(1-3) warmed up for Chelten-

victory at the Easton Harriers

- she must have good or fast-

er ground to run at the Festi-

val - while Caroline Tuffin,

18, rode her first winner at the

East Devon on Blue Laws

(o-l). Former women's champion Shirley Vickery was taken

to hospital after a fall at this

meeting but suffered only a badly bruised elbow.

### THUNDERER

2.20 Henry Island 2.50 THE MINDER (nap)

3.50 Dancing Paddy 4.20 Kingsfold Pet 3.20 Nazzaro 4.50 Jim Jam Joey Timekeeper's top rating: 4.50 ROSEY BOY.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

### 2.20 KYBO MAIDEN HURDLE



BETTING: (...1 De con Divideno, 5-1 Smot, 3-1 Epon Helgids, 6-1 Balka D'Aire, 10-1 Hoary (June), 23-1 Score) Laby 23-1 Scorey in Good Singe, 50-1 others

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#### 2.50 FORTWELL PARK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,198 2m 6f 110yd) (13 runners)

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INCLINATION had the form of his second to Charle Chang transed when the witnes won on Schudzy

#### 3.20 BRITISH EQUESTRIAN INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3.558: 3m 2f 110yd) (5 runners)



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### 3.50 CORAL HURDLE [SHOWCASE HANDICAP]

(£5,251 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

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	312-50	MACHAVELLI 90 (GD.6) 18 S. C. Farmeck 4) 6 L. Moore 5-11-6 M. Batchelor (5) 105
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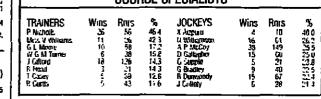
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#### 4.50 SOVEREIGN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,268: 3m 3f) (6 runners)

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Womany premay JAM JAM JOET should relief this fest of stambal COURSE SPECIALISTS



Blinkered first time

Fontwell Park: 2 50 The Swan 4 50 Bozo Southwell: 4,40 Aldwych Arrow. Madam Lucy 5,10 Mach One

HEAVY rain over the weekend has forced the abandon-

ing due to severe waterlog-ging." Nick Lees, the clerk of

first week in March." Leicester had been due to stage an all-chase card tomor-

proaching half our annual rainfall — and it is only the

row, with an amateur riders' handicap and five hunter chases - one of which was won by Teeton Mill last year. Thirty five National Hunt

meetings have now been abandoned this season - just four short of the total for the whole The abandonment of Sat-

urday's Doncaster card because of snow means that the

nari guys'

3.30 MILLER PILSNER HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,786: 2m) (7) (12,700. 2(1)) (7)

1 22-0 TEMPO 33 (0,6,5) M Pail 7-12-0 — F Leaby — 2 12T1 DORANS WAY 9 (CD,F.S) 6 M Moore 9-11-6 in Hannily 55) 114

3 PP10 KILBUE KING 20 (D,S) P Maniath 7-11-5 — L Cooper (7) 107

4 5P00 SUPERTOP 9 (CD,F.G) Lungo 11-10-13 W Dowling (5) 8220

5 2133 EASTERN PROJECT 23 (D,F.S) M Harmond 5-10-3 B Harming 115

6 4-30 WILL APPOINTED 14 (D,F.S.S) B Maximum 10-10-2 Mr 8 Gibson (7) 124

7 2121 WELSH MOUNTAIN 20 (D,S) K Margari 5-10-2 A S Smith 120

in the straight and he pinged the last." Mullins added: "We

think he's spot on. We norm-

ally come here before Chelten-

ham because it's good to get a nice day away without a race.

He might have a couple of bits of work but otherwise that if

Naturally Dunwoody is anx-

ious to be at his peak for the

Festival and, after a recent

lean spell, had confirmed his

heartening form with a treble at Newbury on Saturday. He

is now just 13 away from Peter

Scudamore's all-time record of

career wins. Tony McCoy,

who might one day pass them both, responded with three of his own, including Gris D'Es-

David Johnson, his owner, now hopes that Martin Pipe

can win him the Arkle with a

French import for the third year running, after Or Royal in 1997 and Champleve last

year. Rash Remark. successful

for the triumvirate on the

same card, also goes to the

Festival. "He seems a com-

plete natural," Johnson said.

As long as it stays on the soft

side, he'll go for the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hur-

dle." Lady Cricket will repre-

sent the same team in the

At Warwick, Castle Mane

reserved hopes that he might

follow in the hoofprints of his

former stablemate, Tecton

Mill. An easy debut success

under Rules will probably see

him sent off favourite for the

Christies Foxhunter Chase.

Champion Hurdle.

truval in the novice chase.

be it now."

4.00 MICEWARS LAGER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,794: 2m 4t) (11) 

4.30 KROMENBOURG 1664 HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,420: 3m) (7) 1 P-6P MERLENS DREAM 46 (D.F.G.S) O Sterwood 10-11-10
2 4113 DANEYS GORSE 19 (B.C.G.S) J. Jefferson 7-11-3
T Stickel (5) 99
3 5122-SALEM BEACH 19 (CD.F.G.S) M Tooffurner 7-10-10
(McCommerk 63) 89 3 5122 SALIAN REALIAN 19 (CU). (5,5) M (contains 7-10-10 (9.8) 89 4 PGOU DESERT BRAVE 12 (6,5) M/s S Smith 9-10-1 ... S Durack (798 5 5 140 COMMANDER SLEN 83 (F,6) M Homomor 7-10-1 B Harding 115 6 PSF MAYRE O'SRADY 19 (D,F,G,S) W Consinguam 10-10-0 M Smith 66 7 0150 BIT OF A DREAM 130 (G.S.) Mrs \$ Smith 9-10-0 D Elsworth (7) 114

5-2 Safern Beach, 11-4 Denbys Gorse, 5-1 Commercie: Glen, 11-2 Dezen Brave. Maybe C'Grady, 10-1 Merius Dream, 25-1 Bill Of A Dream

5.00 MILLER GENUINE DRAFT INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

65 BREA HIL 72 F Murphy 6-11-6 A Maguire 89
LITTLE WORSALL Miss K Millose 6-11-0 R Johnson 1 P-33 LOBBINGAL DMG 145 N Richards 5-11-0 A Dobbin MODILITY STUART J Heisman 6-11-10 ... Wever 30 STOP THE GISSEP 97 B Macdagont 5-11-0 B Storny 68
14 EMBORNE 38 (D.S) D Barier 4-10-13 S Durack (S) WHAT YOU MEAN M P-IN 4-10-6 F Leahy O REMEMBER EDIANAME 44 D Edity 4-10-1 C-McCornack (3) 10 DO TYNEMBER 12 B Edison 4-10-1 ... A S Smith 51

9 00 TYNEMENE 12 B Effson 4-10-1 .....

TRANSPRS: F Marphy, 10 winners from 32 numers, 31.3%; J Jefferson, 5 from 20, 25.0%; K Marphy, 3 from 12, 25.0%; C Shant, 3 from 13, 22.1%; 6 M Micros, 7 from 32, 21.9%. JOCKEYS: J Dishorse, 5 wisness from 5 rides, 100%; N Handily, 3 from 7, 42.9%, W Donton, 3 from 9, 33.3%, A Magnite, 7 from 23, 30.4%; A Dob-ble, 19 from 102, 18.0%. 7-4 Enborne, 3-1 Lockingslang, 5-1 Mount Start, 8-1 Brea Hiti, 10-1 Little Wossel, Surp The Gossay, Remember Equinante, 33-1 others.

### **RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS**

### Newbury

**(£2,705: 2m) (6)** 

Golog: 90°i 1.45 (2m d ch) 1, Gris d'Estruvel (A P Mc-Coy, 1-31sut 2, Son ol Archen (11-2), 3, Tree Creeper (10-1) 6 cm. 41, 301, M Ppa. Tota: £1.30; £1.10, £2.20. DF. £2.00. CSF: £2.53. 2.15 (2m3) hatel 1. Rash Remark (A P McCoy. 465ab) 2. Boro Sovereign (6.1): 3. Yearnen Sal-0. 3-1): 11 can. 111. 4 M Page Tote £1 70. 51.20, £1.80, £1.10 DF £4.20, CSF 55 47. 2.45 (3m ch) 1. Careysville (A P McCoy. 2-1); 2. Creus de Guerre (7-4 lav), 3. Para-handy (7-1), 4 lan, 9. 7. Mess Venette Wi-lants, Totar 52.70, DF 12.50, CSF, 55.39 2.15 (2n 10)c hole 1, Bloand (A Duraccody, 9-4 plant, Period Vieus (9-4 plant, 3, Kinnes-cest (5 ), 5 ren. 5, 3 k Ms. J Paman, Tota, 12 70 Ct (1), 51 50 DF 12.80, CSF, 17-25 270 T 10, 21 50 PF 5280 CSF 57-59
9.50 (2m st ch) 1, Authwell 800 (R Dunwood), 10-11 lavir 2 Blous (7-2): 3, Stately
Home (13-3), 4 cm 2 11; P Hobbs 70s;
5170 DF 5230 CSF 5405.
4.20 (2m 110)d hole 1, Heart (M Baschelor,
6-1); 2 Copper Coir (100-30); 3 Pero Sembo
wers favy 7 cm, 24 nt. Mass H Kinght Total,
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2.5 (1.2.5) £1.70 DF £12.90 CSF: £23.49

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Huntingdon .

Goings soft
1.50 1, High Learis (12-1): 2, Hagis Way
(11-4): 3, Taite My Side (5-2 tay) 6 ran.
2.25 1, Be Brave (4-7 fay): 2, Captain Biggles (14-1): 3, Starmford Hill (6-1): 10 ran Mr.
Trust George.
2.55 1, Regenment (11-8 J. lay): 2, Moortlightor (33-1): 3, Saras Delight (11-8 J. lay): 7 ran
NPL Zembezi Spint. NP: Zembezi Spint.
3.25 1. North Tyre (13-8 tay); 2. Queen's Ride (9-1); 3. Young Taruster (7-2). 8 ran.
4.00 1, Cascall An Dorasi (evens tay); 2. Multer Prince (6-1); 3. Copteen Heró (9-2). 6 ran. NP: Specialize.

ran. NPC Specialize.
4.30 1, Surstama Cordin (svens fav); 2, Heevens Above (100-30), 3, B The One (2-1), 4 ran. NPC Capriant Queen.
5.00 1, Moltsum (10-1); 2, Seize The Day (6-4 tay); 3, Whitebornett (12-1), 10 ran. NP. Amilionmemories. Warwick

ran. 4.15 1, Arkbey Royal (11-10 lav); 2, Sun Surf-er (5-2), 3, Green Crusader (5-2), 3 ran. NR Declara. Deturi. 4.45 1, Casile Mane (4-11 lav); 2, Despezale (25-1); 3, Rusty Bridge (6-1), 9 ran 5.15 1, Lady Padivor (10-1); 2, Landabury Lass (12-1); 3, Ester's Gri (14-1). Sieel Rose 11-8 fav. 11 ran.

Wolverhampton Going: standard becoming slow

Going: Standard Decoming Slow 7.00 1. Approximation (6-1); 2. Noble Paniot (20-1); 3. Scirillating Sound (16-1) Legend Fails 10-3 law 12 ran. 7-30 1. Ultra Calan (6-1); 2. Mass Take (6-4 law); 3. The Last Word (6-1): 9 ran. 8.00 1. Segusare (13-2); 2. The Wild Widow (16-1); 3. Aresah (8-1) Powder Rivez 2-1 law 13 mn. 13 an. 8.26 1, Lost Spirit (7-2); 2, Raywara Boy (4-1); 3, Daunied (11-4), Love Blues 6-4 lav. 5 ran.

ran. 8.80 1, Casneo (12-1); 2; Chakuz (7-2 ha/; 3, Dande Times (9-2); 11 can. NR. Tiburg. 9.30 1, Sounde Lucky (4-1); 2, Avondale Gal (5-1); 3, Dona And Dusted (12-1). Seven Springs 2-1 lav. 13 can.

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS  JOCKEYS

## **Charlie Strong shows promise**

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

ONE way of gauging the quality of young horses in a sport which is now fulfilling its aim to be a nursery for National Hunt racing is to apply the Paul Nicholls factor. If he is present at a meeting, the chances are he is assessing horses which will join his yard in the future. After Saturday's Duke Of Beaufort meeting he had few complaints about the progress of Charlie Strong

and Satshoon. The pair provided a double for their rider, Tim Mitchell, and trainer. Richard Barber. with six-year-old Satshoon (4-9) coasting to victory in the men's open from five rivals who included a disappointing

Lord Relic. Charlie Strong's assign-

SOUTHWELL

THI INDERER

4.10 Scathebury. 4.40 Linea-G. 5.10 Mach One.

GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.40 RETFORD HANDICAP

(Div I: £2,347: 1m) (14 runners)

a lot tougher. He faced a throng of talented opponents which did credit to their connections for taking on the chal-

ment in the intermediate was

In the event, Charlie Strong (4-5) was all out to catch the seven-year-old mare. Jilly Wig, a few yards from the line. Twenty five lengths back in reel, at 35,000gns the most expensive pointer sold at auction last year, while also-rans included such talents as The Hobbit: who blundered out of contention six fences from home, Southern Flight, Givus A Hand and Mr Dennehy.

Nicholls, admitting he has a near impossible task in gaining improvement from horses

3.40 MARKHAM MOOR HANDICAP (TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (\$3,701, 6f) (12)

(101E 1981FED IN FIRMED, 1 E.S., 10 to 10 1, 10 1.40 Shontaine, 2.10 Batsman, 2.40 Country Orchid. 3.10 Quezon City. 3.40 Euro Venture.

7-2 Redoubschie, 5-1 Octor, 11-2 Euro vertare, 13-2 John Brewiter Music, 7-1 Moet, 8-1 Matearnia, 10-1 Faute Anakoning, 12-1 othera

#### 4.10 RUFFORD SELLING STAKES (£1,973. 1m) (16)

111 -323 HEATHYARDS JAIC 7 (87) 2 Hollenbead 3-8-4 PM Obinto (7) 11 112 -004 SHONTARKE 11 (CD.F.G) M Johnston 6-8-2 \_\_\_ G Bardwell 2 113 -200- RANSED 108 (CD.G) F Waston 7-8-0 \_\_ Ambetiny Hast (5) 9 114 -50-5 GERLONE JOHN 24 (B.C.D.G) J Partes 6-7-13 \_\_\_ J Dates 12 9-2 Waststell, 5-1 Hever Golf Glory, 13-2 Moving Amour, 7-1 The Stage: Clip Lig. 8-1 Almazhar, 12-1 Wishoot Friends, Saortaine, 14-1 other: 7-2 Scattebury 9-2 Amesome Venture, 5-1 Bractone Line, 7-1 Croiters Eage, 10-1 Fature Processes, 12-1 Time Out, 14-1 others.

2.10 RETFORD HANDICAP (Div II: £2,347; 1m) (14)

(DIV II: 12,347; 111) (14)
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207 46-3 TONNETRE 14 (SI K Morgan 7-8-9 ... ... P ROSMONS (7) 6
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211 5412 KAMAWA 11 (C) AF LONG 5-8-1 ... ... F Norma 1-2
221 30-24 SHAMOKIN 7 F Walson 7-7-12 ... (Grabethy Hart (5) 11
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305 RFM P Cuedel 4-9-18 REIS 39J D Strae 4-9-10 R Winston (3) 3
306 RFM P Cuedel 4-9-18 SWinston (3) 3
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308 35- COUNTRY OFICINO 20J NS M Reveley 8-9-7 A Cultane 11
309 3- MARILEEE SZI M Chromon 4-9-5 D Mason (7) 6
310 50-2 RTHURS KNODOM 31 A Janes 3-8-3 L Nevision 10
311 60-6 NEL STORM 41 K Macualth 3-8-3 F Norman 5 3-f Copernicus: 4-1 Ruthebus, 5-1 Anthurs Kingdom, 13-2 Mariene, 8-1 Terrazzo. 18-1 Challapin, Country Dichid, 16-1 alhera.

3.10 HORMANTON HANDICAP (\$2,596. 2m) (11)

401 3215 PPE MUSIC 16 (CD) P Festern 4-10-0 P Goode (s) 3.
402 D-04 FATHER SIXY 27 (D F.G.S.) D Sherwood 8-10-0 S Carson (7) 10.
403 0567 TIMAND 10. (S) J Jerkor 8-9-10 A Cultone 9
404 0424 TIME CAN TEL. 11 (6) A Juckes 5-9-6 Dean McKenom 1
405 02-1 DREPORD 17 (DDS) Mrs. S PER 4-9-4 A McKenom 1
408 07/3 HE'S 607 WINES 7 (B.F.D.F.) M Peril 6-9-4 B Carron 6
407 2491 COLENDER 77 (B.D.F. ES) J Sheekan 11-9-3 J Wissof (7) 7
408 5-14 DIEZDN CITY 24 (SF.CD.F.) Mrs. J Carron 6-9-1 R Cochrane 8
409 3253 MIDLARK T (N J Morron 7-8-3 G Bernhech 4
410 4-92 CATCHMENT 6 Mrs. A Prince 5-7-11 P Doe (S) 2
411 -440 AMSS LACROCK 10 R Holistone 4-7-10 P De (D) 1 Hers. 11-4 Unitern. 1-2 He's Got Wongs, 9-2 Coleration, 11-2 Ouezon City, 10-1 Literieri, 12-1 Catchinges, 14-1 Pipe Masse, Father Sty. 16-1 others.

4.40 TUXFORD HANDICAP (Div I: £1,903, 1m 4l) (11)

1 3252 SWIFT 7 (F.B) M Poloiace 5-10-0 ... K Fallon 5
2 51-3 JOHANGE THE JORCH 10 (B.CD.G) J Letyn 8-3-10 McKeonen 8
3 5015 COLOMEL CUSTER 5 (BF.C) J Pance 4-3-3 ... G Bardwell 1
4 5164 VACCHI 10 (CD) J L Harte 4-9-0 ... ... J Weaves 2
5 5022 A DAWYCH ARROW 14 (BF.S) M A Bardwy 4-8-11 J Fanang 10
6 -044 ALDAR 18 (V.CD) Mr.S 1 Laroman 9-8-10 ... J Chann 6
7 00-1 LUREA-6 7 (CD) Mr.S 1 Brocker 9-8-8 (Bea) ... A Cultare 11
8 000- MADAM LUCY 251 (V) Mr. 18 McCaber 5-8-5 ... P McCaber 9
9 0-55 NOTSTEPRIM 10 (C.D.F.S) N Botherton 9-8-1 ... F Norton 7
10 0-55 NOTSTEPRIM 15 K LUREAGE 5-13 ... 3 T 326-3
11 2-00 POLAR REFRAIN 21 (S) J Eyre 5-7-10 ... P M Galen 17-1 3-1 Empa-G 5-1 Santi, Colonel Custer, 6-1 Vincent, Aldreych Anox. 7-1 Jennite The John 14-1 Alpha 20-1 others

### 5.10 TUXFORD HANDICAP (Div II: £1,893: 1m 4f) (11)

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1 OID- STATAJACK 91 (B.C.D.F.G.S) D Eleveral 11-9-12
N Poland (3) 5
2 3/21 HIBERNATE 13 (DI K Burke 5-9-9 ... D Swearry 4
3 1-155 RWER CAPTAIN 21 (CD) D Marray Smaln 6-9-2 C Lowder 2
4 000-JACK THE LAD 295 (F.D.S) J Helsevan 5-8-12 ... M Tobbut 7
5 513- SAVERS A KITE 144 (D.G) Rus Thompson 4-8-11 T Williams 3
6 000-MSCH MORE 17 (B) M Prescon 4-8-7 ... A Carbon 9
7 -200 MACH OME 17 (B) M Prescon 4-8-7 ... J Doutn 1
9 0-05 KARNISKA 21 (C.F.G.S) M Chesman 9-8-0 ... S Righten (7) 6
10 0-41 JANE ANN 4 A June 5-7-12 (Ber ) Mach Dover 10
11 0-06 THE CONTONNOOL KID 14 (V) Mis A Naugham 7-7-18
lona Wends (S) 1 2-1 Hibernate (1-2 Mach One, 13-2 Statajack, 7-1 Skysts Aiktle, 8-1 Kiwar Cap-tani, 10-1 Approved Outlify, 12-1 Jane Ann, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS R FitzPatrick B witness bern 27 into: 29.6% N Day, 8 hom 27, 21.6% G Hamson, 3 hom 14, 21.4% N Fakon, 19 hom 90, 21.1% N Perland, 6 from 29, 20.7%, Kimberbry Hart, 11 hom 54, 20.4%.

## Leicester abandoned

ment of tomorrow's meeting at Leicester. An inspection yesterday morning found that the track was unraceable. "We've abandoned the meet-

the course, said. It is the fourth meeting Leicester has lost to the weather this jumps season, which has been one of the wettest Lees can recall. "it's as bad as I and our

head groundsman can remember," he said. "You have to go back a lot of years to remember it wetter than this. We have now had ten inches of rain this year, which is ap- today.

of last term.

Tote Jackpot pool of 5201,365 is carried forward to the allweather meeting at Southwell



Barrage Car

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### FOR THE RECORD

### **BOWLS** YETTON TROPHY: Semi-finals: Croydon bl Northavon 79-70, Colchester bt Lenester 81-66 Finalt Colchester bt Croydon 97-67

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, Londor: International Bosing Federation inter-continental lightweight (title Ivacard). S smill (Kertish Town) bit G Fear (Brimancham) fet 7th Commonwealth welterweight title: K Jersuel (Ghara, holde) bit G Eastman (Easterse) is: 1th, International Bosing Organisation Inter-continental super middleweight title: H Eastman (Batterse) bit J Pern (Hernsworth) is: 3rd. Cruiserweight (Indianham), K Asberg (Swe) bit A Wingh (Tollenham) (et China ST PAUL, Minnesote: International Box-

ing Federation juritor-thyreight champtonship: W Gngsby (US, holder) bt C Caccres (Phil) pts
ATLANTIC CITY: World Boxing Association super-welterweight championship: D Red (US) bit, Boudouan (Fr, holder) pic Middleweight (10mds), R McCracken (GB) bt S Fisher (US) rsc 9th

**CRICKET** 

First Test match West Indies v Australia PORT OF SPAIN (third day of five) At laa. Australia, with eight second-imings wickets in hand, are 228 runs ahead of West Indess AUSTRALIA: First innings

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Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-51, 3-53, 4-74, 5-118, 6-153, 7-186, 8-203, 9-203 BOWLING: Watsh 31,9-203, Ambrose 27-15-35. Cobins 23-8-45-2 Dillon 26-3-4-69-2, Adams 14-2-41-0.

Second innings MT G Ellioti c Joseph b Walsh... MJ Stater not Out...... I Langer & Jacobs b Dillon Eutras (% 3, w 1, nb 3) . . . . POWLING. Walsh 13-2-27-1; Ambrose 9-3-14-0; Collins 11-1-34-0; Dillon 10-1-34-1; Adams 3-0-14-0. WEST INDIES: First Image , Campbell low b McGrath.

S Regionizath rum dut ... DR E Joseph Ibw b McGrath Ambrose c Slator b McGrath . on b McGrath ... odras (6 4, 16 2, no 11) . . . . . . FALL OF WICKETS. 1-16, 2-28, 3-116, 4-149, 5-156, 6-163, 7-163, 8-163, 9-167

BOWLING McGrath 14-3-50-5, Gillespe 12-3-34-0; MacGill 16-5-41-3; Warne 14-4-35-0; Blewetl 1-0-1-0 Umpres P Wiley (England) and E A Nicholis Asian Test championship Pakistan v India LAHORE (fourth day of live) Sn Lanka, with all second-mnings wickets in hand, need 344 runs to beat Pakistan

PANGSTAN: First Innings 398 (Wayahatullah Wash 133, Yousuf Youhana 83, Imran Nazir 64, Mon Khen 57; G P Wickremeengine 6 lor 103). Second Invinos Tousur rouners is naumme b Bandaratifieke. "Wasim Akram b Kalpage † Mon Khan run out Saqiam Mushtaq si Kaluwitha b Kalpage Extras (b 3, b 7, nb 9)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-156, 2-161, 3-227, 4-250, 5-254, 6-288, 7-298, 8-314, 4250, 5-24, 6-286, 7-296, 8-314, BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 9-1-27-0, De S4-vo 29-5-90 © Bendaralileke 25-12-54-2; Ka-lpage 20-5-3-92-2; Hathurusinghe 13-2-41-0 

Total 328
FALL OF WICKETS 1-84, 2-91, 3-146, 4-156, 5-289, 6-308, 7-320, 8-309, 9-320, Second Innings R P Amold not out
A Gunawardene not out.
Edras (to 9, nb 2) Total (no wid) 60 BOWLING: Waskin Akram 5-0-25-0, Fazi-e-Aktar 3-0-15-0; Saqlasi Mushkaq 4-3-2-0, Shahid Nazir 2-0-9-0 Shahid Mazir 2-0-9-0 Umpres: R E koertzen (South Alnca) and D R Shepherd (England)

Tour match President's XI v England A CAPE TOWN flourth day of five; President's XI, with seven second-immings wickels in hand, need 297 runs to beat England A 

GOLF

4. J Kirapuu (Est) 7; 5, A Tchmil (Bel) 7; 6, P Gaumori (Fr) 10. SE VERBECK RYMER EDDIE SOENS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Airbee, Mersey-side, 50 miles). 1, 5 Cummings (Birkerhead North End CC) 1hr 48onin 55sec; 2, G Holm-es (Addas-ScCon) at 2acc; 3, J Remsbol-tom (Harrods AT) same time **FENCING** 

PRESIDENT'S XI: First Imings
M.L. Bruyns o Filintiff b Harmison
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J M Kemp c Swenn b Cosker.
1 L Massiazzna c Solarie b Cosker.
S Abnatrams c Loye b Cosker. ICE HOCKEY

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-50, 3-74, 4-120, 5-151, 6-166, 7-171, 8-175, 9-187 M van Jaarsveid not out...... F C Brooker not out....... Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 1).....

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-53, 3-105, 4-107, 5-203, 6-214, 7-233, 8-252, 9-205. BOWLING. Smith 21 4-3-73-2, Townsend 21-5-55-2, Kerpp 9-2-17-1; Abrahams 23-5-58-2, Chooless 20-2-71-3

Total (3 wids) 142
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-25, 3-56.
BOWLING Harmson 10-0-31-2. Thomas 9-3-30-0; Swam 8-2-19-0; Cosker 12-2-29-1, Fintotil 8-2-19-0; Sotanid 4-0-11-0. Umpres: D F Becker and R Brooks Umpres: D F Becker and R Brooks
SHEFFELD SHIELD: Third day of four:
Brichance Cueensland 413; Victoria 188 and
108 (J Dawts 4-26). Oureanstand best Victoria by an immige and 117 nurs. Final day of
four: Sydney: New South Wales 459-5 dec
and 188-2 (C J Richards 57, M G Bevan 56
not out). South Australia 382 and 41-2 Match
drawn Perfts: Western Australia 489-6 dec
and 202-5 dec (D R Manyn 100 not out); Tasmana 228 and 248 (J Cox 76). Western Australia boat Tasmana by 212 nurs.

CYCLING PARIS-NECE RACE: First stage (9 Strn time-Ins), Boulogne to Biltancount; 1, C Boardinan (GB) 10min 20sec; 2, S.O'Grady (Aus) al 29ec; 3, F Vandenbroucke (Bel) 6,

KELVIN HALL, City of Glasgow men's epée: 1. R Leroux (Fri; 2. M Stefensand (Ser), equal 3. M Denns (Fr) and C Moerch (Nor): 5. J-F De Mathon (Fr): 6. F Busines (Fri; 7. B Kurouski (Pol): 8. J Jeannes (Fri) British placings: 32. M Bell 32; 46, O Bernman 46.

SEKONDA SUPERILEAGUE: Saturday: Cardiff Davils 3 Ayr Scotish Eagles 4 (O1).

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CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Streifield Steelers 3 Manchester Storm 1 (Sheffeld Steelers win 8-1 on agg); Nothing-nam Partitions 3 Caroff Devils 3 (Nothingham Partitions win 6-5 on agg). Parties with 5 ct agg).

MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Buffato 2 Dates 1: New Jersey 1 Boston 4. Pittsburgh 2 Edmonton 2 (OT): Phoents 2 Detroit
7: Vancouver 1 Calgary 5: Anchelin 3 New York tosanders 3 (OT). Mostres 1 Tamps Boy 6, Otaxes 3 Toronto 1: Washington 4 Edmonton
3. Florida 2 Carolina 2 (OT): San Jose 0 Chrcago 4; Los Angeles 1 Calgary 4

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Northwest division 31 24 8 174 159 25 29 10 178 168 23 30 10 165 178 19 35 8 152 198 Colorado Edmonton Dales 39 12 10 177 122 Phoenix 30 22 10 153 146 Arahem 29 25 9 189 153 San Jose 22 26 14 142 152 Los Angeles 23 35 5 145 172 **OXFORD TORPIDS** 

MCNC Pirest division: Exeter bpd Crinst Church: Worcester hpd Magdelert St Catterine's bpd Lincoln. Second division: St Catterine's bpd Lincoln. Second division: Merion bpd Wadhern; LiAH bpd St Peter's; St John's hpd Keller, Balliol hpd University; Jesus bpd Herstord. Third division: Wolfson bpd Corpus Christ; Christ Church II bpd S Ame's; Megdalen II bpd Pernbrolee II; Somewille and St Hugh's topt Kelble II; Onel III bpd Bellid II. Forest in division: St John's and Brassmoon II bpd New College II; Better II and Self-III bpd University II; St Casterine's II bpd Wadhelm III; Jesus II bpd Cheen's II; St Peter's III, Magdelen III, Herstord II and Merton II bpd Wolfmon II; Imny II bpd Merton II; St Peter's III, Magdelen III, Herstord II and Merton II bpd Wolfmon II; Imny II bpd Wolfman; Somewille bpd Unit; Merton bpd Christ Church. Second division: St John's bpd Overl, Self, Queen's, Trailly, Bellic and Jesus bpd St Hilde's; Herstondshire bpd Wather, Scholler, Self-Queen's, Trailly, Bellic and Jesus bpd St Hilde's; Herstondshire bpd Wather, Scholler, Self-Queen's, Trailly, Bellic and Jesus bpd St Hilde's; Herstondshire bpd Wather, St Ann's bpd Herton II. Flashing ordiens: Messel by State and Menseleit bpd Keble, St Antony's bpd Merton II. Flashing ordiens: Messel Bellic Del Merton II.

Si Catherna's, Lincoln, Meston, Second divisions Oriell is Wadnam, LMH, Si Peter's, Titra-IV, Si John's, Keble, Bashol, University, Jesus, IV, Si John's, Keble, Bashol, University, Jesus, IV, Si John's, Keble, Bashol, University, Jesus, Christ, Green, Worlson, Corpus, Christ, Christ, IV, Si John's II, Samerale, Si Hugh's, Koble II, Onel III, Fourth divisions Ballol II, Lincoln III, Sel II, Fourth divisions Ballol II, Lincoln III, Sel II, University II, LMH II, Si Catherna's II, SH II, University II, LMH II, Si Catherna's II, Wadnam, II, Jesus II, Pfilth divisions: Si Anne's I, University II, University IV, Wordester II, Wossen: Pier's II, Magdalene Banei's Hail, University III, University IV, Wordester II, Wossen: Piers's Linkalton, Christ Church, Wolfson, Second divisions: Si John's, Onel, SEH, Queen's, Timity, Ballol, Jesus, Si Hidd's, Magdalen, Si Peter's, Si Anne's, Herford, Thick divisions: Wordester, St Hugh's, Erster, Mansfield, Keble, Linzure, Corpus Christ, St Catherna's II, University, Editol, Linzure, Corpus Christ, St Catherna's II, LMH II, Si Arstony's, Meston II, Wottson II

ROWING

READING HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1, Oxford Brookes A 12min 27sec (Open witness); 2, liss 12-37; 3, Oxford Brookes, B 12-45, Serior beo werners); 4, Imperial College A 12-46, (Serior one wirmsni); 5, Molesey A 12-48, 6, imperial College B 12-53; 7, Lisa A 12-56, 8, Oxford University Lightweights 13-02; 10, Markow 13-02. Other division wirmner: Sentor three: Radiay A 13-18. Sentor four: Abrington School A 13-48. Women: Sentor one: Markow D 14-27. Women: Sentor bree: Lady Eleanor Holes 14-49. SAILING

CLEPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE-Leg 3d (Yokoharis to Shanghai; with mice to krish): 1, Anel (A Thomson) 356; 2, Ansi-ope (K Hamis) 378; 3, Thomopyiae (M Tod) 384; 4, Sence (F Dean) 395; 5, Marmerus (B Solars) 394; 6, Tagong (M Heming) 419; 7, Chrysolite (T Hedgen) 427. SCHOOLS SPORT

ATHLETICS: English cross-country chemptonships (at Luton): Boyer Sentor (8,000m): 1, 5 Venton (Greater Manchester): 28mm (Sec. 2, C Livessy (Lancashire) 28.05; 3, C Boll (Beristine) 28:21. Teams: Lancashire)

Step 1140/5 Intermediate (1.500T): 1 V Farsh (Medisess) (31.22.2): 1 Teams Mod 20.12.13. S Administrative (2.15 Teams Mod design 185 Juniors (5.00m) (1.5 Farsy): (Mest Yorkshire) (2.15 Saul, Medisess (Mest Yorkshire) (2.15 Saul, Medisess (Mest) (4.00m) (1.16 Juniors): 1 Saul, (Hest) (4.20m) (1.16 Juniors): 1 Saul, (Hest) (4.20m) (1.16 Juniors): 1 Saul, (Hest) (4.20m) (1.16 Juniors): 1 Saul, (Hest) (4.00m) (1.16 Juniors): 1 Saul, (Hest) (4.00m)

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**TENNIS** 

Fri bt MA Vento (Nen) 6-1, 6-1; a Halant-Deougs first bit Fang (Carna) 6-2, 7-8, 5-6-ma (B) th Kournichae (Russ), 7-6, 4-6, 7-3, 8-8 Rither (Ger) to D van Procs (Se) 0-4, 6-4, 6-3; L Raymond (US) th N Zurous (Rea) 6-4, 6-4, Second round: M Seen (US) th Whod-swa 7-6, 6-2; N Tarzez (Fr) th Seec 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; M Hings (Seez) th Severson 6-1, 6-4 **RUGBY UNION** 

HOCKEY by 1. Bowdon 2: Neston 1, Southport 1: First civision. Deesde Ramblers 1, Lytham St Anne's 0: Stockton 2, Durham University 8 J. Swalwell 7, Brooklands 0, Timperley 3, Sonnofields 0, Wigan 2, Doncaster 1

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Covenity and North Warwicks 1 Edgibaston 2: North Notis 1 Hampton-in-Arden 2: Northampton Semis North Stations v. Nottingnam PREMITER HOLLDAYS EAST LEAGUE: Premiter division. A: Blueharts 9 Bishop's Storttord 4. Cambridge City 3 Bedford Town 3. Cambridge University 2 Costy 2. Clas-tion 1 leswich 4. West Herts 4 Colchester 0. INTERNATIONAL MATCH: South Africa 1 Australia 3 (in Pretona) WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-FRIST DIVISION: Barlord Tigers 2 Hamp-stead 2, Bromley 1 Loughborough Students 3. Firebrands 0 Doncaster 5, Harleston Mag-pies 5 Sheffield 3, Indian Gymthana 3 East-cole 3, Lewes 4 Chelmsfard 3 Orbrd Hawks 2 Hasant 1, Stoupport 4 St Albans 3, Postponed: Hall v Surbdon. mier division: Saturday: Citton 3 Leoes-ter 0, Hightown 3 toswich 2. Postpornad: Doncaster v Otton, Sutton C v Slough Yes-tenday: Slough 2 Cillion 1.

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Akindge Bradford S Trojans L'borough St Wimbledon Sunderland Huli 16 2 2 12 23 51 8
SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackhoath 2 Winchester 1, Chichester 5 Richmond 3, High Wycombe 2 Beckenham 2,
Old Crarlesphans 3 Madenhead 3: Old Whatgittans 0 Home Bay 4, Purley 7 Anchorans
2 Turbndge Wells 4 Boumemouth 1. Wintbledon 3 Calv of Portsmouth 2; Woking 1 Fareham 1, Wokingham 4 Gore Court 2, Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 0 Trojans 2, Cartiberley 0 Oxed 5, Dulwich 0 London University 4;
Epsom 7 Fleet 2, Old Mid Whitgiffans 1
Haslerwere 3, Oxshott 6 Andover 3, Portmouth 3 Goan 1, Spencer 5 Blandford 4 SECOND DIVISION: Hampton 2 Old Loughtonians 1, St Albans 2 Ealing 0; Sher-wood 0 Bracknell 1; Woking 4 Poynton 2. naserwer 4, October 5 Artober 7 3, Potsmouth 3 Goan 1, Spencer 5 Bandford 4
Postponed: Old Georgens v Basingsloke.
Kent/Sassace Beginton 2 Rochester and Gärigham 3, Burnt Ash 3 Bextey Invita 0, Eastbourne 2 Michecker/Bogno 5, Lloyds Bank 0
Folkstone 3, Mid Sussex 2 Old Bordenians 0,
Old Williamsonans 1 Horsham 4, Severnodic
3 Marden Russes 4, South Saxons 1 Old Holcombeans 7, Tutse Hill 1 BBHC 1, Worthing
2, Ashford 2, MiddbyBertes/Buctas and
Oxone Farnhern Common 2 Gersards Choss
6, Lons 2 Phoenia 0, Milton Keynes 1 Marlow
2, Ashford 3 West Hampstead 2, Newbury 1
City of Oxford 0, PHC Chisacol, 1 Hayes 3,
Retnings Park 4 Hendron 3, Sonning 2 Old
Kingstonians 3; Staines 3 Abingdon 0, Sunbury 0 Rampana 1.
NORTHERIN, COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pre-

BASKETBALL

Hampton 13 3 1 9 20 38 10

WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: East Ashtord 3 Bueharts 4; Bury St Edmunds 1 1 Oereham 0; Cambs C 1 Harleston 1; Sevenoeiss 2 Letchworth 0. Standings: 1, Harleston 305; 2, Sevenoeiss 27, 3, Ipswich 12 2, Midlands: Luton 0 Crimson R 0, At other matchespostponed, Norths: Chester 1Leyland MO; Liverpool 2 Deeste R 0; Sheffeld 3 Winnington Pt. 0 Postponed: Blackburn v Don Valley, Standings: 1, Deesde 34; 2, Chester 24, 3, Liverpool 23, Souths Dulwich 2 Horsham 0; Mardenhead 3 Reading; 1; Rover 4 Tulse Hill 1, Wittinest 3 Hendon 1; Winchester 5 City of Porsmouth 1, Standings: 1, Rover 44; 2, Dulwich 44; 3, Tulse Hill 35, West Bournemouth 2 Leonmister 0; Exister 3 St Austel 1; Eurouth 44; A Cheltenham 1, Potshead 2 Colwell 3, T Valle 2 Rectand 2 Standings: 1, Eurouth 36; 2, Colwell 36; 3, Exeter 30 buy o rangara 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pre-sider division: Ben Rhydding 5 Wannigton 0; Durham University 6, Rotherham 1; Form-

Saturday: Cleveland 97 Goldan State 80; Orlando 87 Defrot 82; San Antonio 114 Los Angeles Cippers 85: Sacramento 111 Phoe-nix 99; Houston 107 Vancouver 92.

Eastern Conference

Central division

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rest division

Portland LA Lakers Seattle Phoenix

73, P Hacobom (Swe) 72, 75, 74, 70
LEADING EUROPEAN RYDER CUP PO-STITIONS (Great British and Ireland unless stated); 1, C Montgomens 5,890pts; 2, D Clarke 3,453, 3, L Westwood 3,472, 4, M A Jiménez (Sp) 2,954, 5, S Struver (Ger) 2,890, 6, A Cejha (Ger) 2,438, 7, D Howell 2,302, 8, R Karlsson (Swe) 2,284; 9, A Collant 2,162, 10, P Sjoland (Swe) 2,122.

CAMBERRA: Australian Tour champion-ship: Leaders after three rounds (Austral-ta unless stated) 206: P O'Maley 65, 69, 72, 209: S Leaney 69, 71, 69 210: J Mose-ley 70, 69, 71; S Laycock 59, 69, 73 211: E Waters 69, 75, 69: MC 2010 69, 71, 72, 212: P Waters 69, 75, 69: MC 2010 69, 71, 72, 212: P Waters 88, 75, 88; M Cain 88, 70, 73, 212: P Gow 73, 71, 68, T Carolan 71, 70, 71; C Spence 68, 72, 72, R Pamping 71, 89, 72, N Smith 70, 66, 76, P Senior 70, 69, 73, 213: R Byrd (US) 70, 75, 68, G Coles 74, 69, 70; I Leggan (Can) 72, 69, 72 D McKlarzie 70, 68, 75, S Wearne 70, 65, 77, Other scornes: 217; D Watson (Erg) 89, 71, 77, 218; J Benepe (US) 70, 71, 77, 219; R Gibson (Can) 74, 72, 73.

(Lian) 74, 72, 73.

MitAMIL, Florida: Donal-Ryder Open: Leaders after three rounds (Linted States unless stated): 205: G Kraft 68, 67, 70, 207: G Day 69, 71, 67; E St. SAI 71, 66, 70, 208: S Dunlap 67, 72, 98, A Bean 70, 69, 69, 209: J Leonard 72, 69, 68, C Riley 68, 72, 69, J Heas 70, 69, 70; E Toksdo (Mex) 68, 70, 71; K Jones 70, 69, 71; T Armour IB 67, 71, 71; G Chalmers (Jus) 71, 68, 72, 200; D Toms 70, 73, 67, C Stadler 72, 71, 68, 72, 400; D Toms 70, 73, 67, C Stadler 72, 71, 67, M Wer (Can) 71.

71, 68, W Ancharler 72, 70, 68, 61, 611 71, 69. 71, 68, W Andrade 72, 70, 68, G Hill 71, 69, 70; P Jordan 70, 70, 70, B Burns 67, 72, 71, 70, P. Jordan 70, 70, 70, B Burns 67, 72, 71, PH Hongan 69, 70, 71, Other acoress: 211: S Ethington (Aus.) 72, 71, 69, J Parneviti (Swe) 71, 70, 70, N Price (2m) 72, 93, 70 212: G Nommen (Aus.) 71, 73, 69, P Soland (Swe) 72, 71, 69; G Hjertslech (Swe) 69, 72, 71, 214: D Fross (Sky) 72, 71, 218: B Langer (Ger) 71, 73, 71, 218: T Brom (Den) 72, 71, 75, 221: O Sema (Mex.) 73, 69, 79.



Mark Steifensand, facing, puts his best foot forward to force Matthieu Dennis onto the defensive in the semi-finals of the City of Glasgow men's epée international yesterday

2, Z Ouaziz (Mor) 8:38.43; 3, R Jacobs (US) 8:39 14.4 x 400m relay; 1, Russia 3:24.25 (world record), 2 Australia 3:28.87; 3, Unit-ed States 3:27.59. Triple (ump: 1, A Haresin (GB) 15.02m; 2, Phandzheva (Bul) 14.94; 3, 5 Kasparlova (Cz) 14.87.

Cross country

33 Wales Preside: Tries: Namack 3, Castaignede:
Const Castaignede 2, Penss: Castaignede 3 Wales: Tries: Ctarvis, Jernes, C Quinell, Const N. Leniers 2, Penss: N Jerkens 5
HT: 18-28. Att: 80,000
[at Stade de France] 15 England 27 Ireland: Pens: Humphreys 5. England: Tries: Peny, Rodge: Con: Wildrison. Pens: Wildrison 4. Dropped goal: Grays-on HT: 9-11. Att 49,000.

Lioyds TSB Five Nations

Championship

International match 30 italy

Scotland: Tries: Logan: C Munay: Townsend Const Logan 3 Pens: Logan 3 Bely: Tries: Martin 2. Cont. Domanguez. HT: 20-12, Adt. 25,756.

8 Glauces Waterloo: Try: Blyth. Perc L Griffiths. Gloucester: Tries: Eustace, Grannische-Jones, Johnson. Perc Stephen Ward. HT: 3-10. Att: 650. Jewson National League First division 3 NotEngham

Lychney: Pen: Merrett. Nottingham: Try: Royer. Pens: C Atkinson 2. HT: 3-8. Royer Peass: C Alfarison 2. HT: 3-8.

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Honley 21 17 1 3 515 298 35
Rosslyn Park 22 14 0 3 482 326 28
Otley 22 13 1 8 372 331 27
Nottingham 22 13 0 9 483 300 26
Wharfistale 22 12 0 10 413 300 26
Newbury 22 11 1 10 441 352 23
Reading 22 10 0 12 402 478 20
Lydney 21 9 1 11 319 337 19
Cambelley 22 9 1 12 427 565 13
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Tennent's Velvet Cup Quarter-final Boroughmuir: 16 Heriot's FP: 15 Bevougtemair: Try: I McConnid. Con: C Howarth, Peast C Howarth S. Harlot's FP: Peast Ross 5. HT: 16-3

Tencent's Velvet Premiership 🐴 First division -20 Jed-Forest Currie: Tries: Bowie 2. Const; Docaldson 2. Pees: Donaldson 2. Jed-Forriet: Tries: Laidlow, Liddle, Con; C Richards, Pens: C Richards 3. Stirling County 14 Handck: 24 Stirling County: Tries: Freser, Wylla Const Maller 2 Herefole: Tries: Cranston

Suddon, Tumbull. Come: Murdis 2, Sharpe. Per: Sharpe. Second division Dundee HSFP 22 Kirkesky 32 Kilmamock 29 Selkirk 14 Third division. Stewart's Mei 23 Ayr WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCH: Re-pechage, Stat leg: Torga 37 Georgia 6 (in Nuistrate). SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Otago High-banders 65 Northern Bulls (SA) 23; Walkalo suren 12 TOURNAMENT: Otago High-tanders 65 Northern Butts (SA) 23, Walkato Calets 17 Cusenstand Reds 19, Golden Cats (SA) 10 New South Wales Warstehs 39, Wellington Hurricaner 22 Western Stormers (SA) 24.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League Bradford 18 Shelfield Bradford: Tries: Lowes, McAvoy, Withers. Goals: H Paul 3. Sheffield: Try: Watson. Goal: Aston. Att. 12,044. Castleford 12 Wakefield Castleford: Try: Maloney, Goels: Orr 4. Malorisek: Tries: Crouthers, Poching, Soak: Hodgeon, Att: 7,233. 14 Warrington lelitur: Tries: Moana, Pinkney. Go royd 3. Warrington: Tries: Kohe-Love, Mc-Currie, Penny, Gosta: Briers 2. Att: 4,579. London 24 Huddersfield 18 London: Tries: Fleming, Hammond, Oll-ah, Tollett. Gozés: Warton 4 Huddersfield: Tries: Chestham 2, Weston. Goets: Goulding 3. Att. 2,278.

ng 3. Aut 2.276.
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Sattord: Tries: Crompton, Hayes. Goele: Blakeley 2. St Helens: Tries: Long 3. New-lovs 2. Sculinorpe. Goele: Long 3. Aut. 6.378. Barrow 30 Premiership
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Writer: Goals: Hoft 5. Feethershore:
Tries: Branald, Smonds, Goal: Chapman.
Att. 1,138.
Batter Northern Ford Premiership

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Battley 8 Humslet 1/4 Battley: Tries: Price 2 Humslet: Tries: Fat-nowns, Reliciner. Goals: Reicher 3. Att. 547.

Kelginley 1 order. York: 10 Lancashire 22 Develous 1976. Lancashire Lyro: Tries: P Jones 2, Walsh. Gosls: P Jones 4 Dropped gosls: Plana-gar 2 Develour: Try: Godfrey. Gosls: Es-ton 4. Alt: 390.

24 White Leigh: Tries: K Purill 2, Haderolt, Hilton, Murray. Goels: D Purill 2, Whitehaver: Tries: Seeds 2, Kitchen. Goels: Kitchen 4. Alt: 1,124. 23 Bramley Seriation 22 Brannley 58
Seriation: Tries: Cleary, Eccles, McCabe:
Goels: Watson 4, Gerdand, Dropped goels
Gerdand, Bramley: Try: A Gibbons, Goels:
A Gibbons 2, Alt: 887
Widnes: Goels: Howitt 3, Rochdale: Goel:
Fizgeald, Alt: 2,584 Workington 22 Doscaster 22 Workington: Tries: Forber 2, Closs. Goale: Close 5, Doncester: Tries: Affe Goulbourne 2, Okul, Sprimentill, Goale: Cresser 3, Att. 1,000.

POSTPONED: Hull KR v Olcham. POSTPONED: Hull KRI v Otchem.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Asiam 8 Walney Central 8. Saddeworth 35 Castistord Lock Lane 6. Strisugh 26 Light MRI 10. Postponed: Beverley East Hull v Olithem St Annes: Heworth v West Hull: Thorn Will v Egremont; Wigan St. Patrick's v Woolston, First division: Serrow Island 16 East Leeds 32, Leigh East 52 Rochdels Mayfeld 20. Postponed: Dudley Hill v Festinestone Lions; Millord v Wigan St. Jude's; Outon v Middgreert Rechtil v Steav Cross; Stddel v Millorn. Second division: York Acom 17 New Earswick 16. Postponed: Blackbrock v Keigniey Alb; Ideal sborg v Devsbury Moor, Normanion v Dodwortt, Ovenden v London Skeiers; Crossfields v Eodes.

AUSTRALIAN MATIONAL LEAGUE: Set-HISTORY COLUMN AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Set-urday: Newcastle 41 Marrly 18; Parrametre 20 St. George-Hewarra 10: Sunday: North Sydney 30 Western Suburbs 12; Coroutle 44 Bairnean 0; South Sydney 16 Carterbury 14.

# British placing: 7, J Lvingston 8 83. 400m: Final: 1, J Bautch (GB) 45 73:ec; 2, M Campbelt (US) 45 98; 3, A Candenss (Med) 46.02. B00m: Final: 1, J Bothe (SA)::45 47. 2, W Kplester (Den) 1 46.97; 3, N Motchebon (Ge) 1:45.74; 4, B Korany (Fun) 1:46.47; 5, J Notan (Ire) 1-47.77; 1,500m: Final: 1, H Gebreslessee (En) 3min 33 77:sec; 2, L Rotich (Ken) 3.33 98; 3, A Díaz (Sp) 3:34 46; 4, W Tanu (Ken) 3.33 98; 3, A Díaz (Sp) 3:34 46; 4, W Tanu (Ken) 3.34 77; 5, F Shae (Por) 3:34 99 British placing: 9, E King 3.46 56, 4 x 400m relay; 1, United States 70:28 3 ymotd secord: A Morns, D Johnson, D Minor and M Campbell); 2 Potand 3:03 91; 3, Great Britan 3:03.20 (A Condon, S Wanso, A Pasirick and J Bautch): High Jump: 1, J Sotomsyor (Cuba) 2:35m; 2, V Voronn (Fluss); 2:36; 3, C Austin (US) 2:33. No searic S Smith (GB) Heptathion: Glos handles: 1, L Lobodin (Fluss); 7 81sec; 2, T Dvorak (Cz) 7:84; 3, C Huffins (US) 7:91; 4, R Sebrie (Cz) 7:94; 5, S Chmara (Pol) 8:05; 6, J A Magnusson (Ica) 8:09:7. E Nool (Est) 8:16:8, D Szabo (Hun) 8:18 Weaners: 60m: Final: 1, E Thanou (Gr) 6:96m: 2, G Devers (US) 5:15 702, 3; 1 Miler (US) 7:08 400m: Final: 1, G Breuer (Ger) 50 Bosec; 2, F Ogunkoya (Nigera) 51:25; 3, J Miles (US) 5:14 8:00m: Final: 1, F Tommonou (Cz) Iran 56:50sec; 2, M Mutola (Moz) 1:57 17; 3, N Tsyganova (Russ) 1:57 47; 3,000m: Final: 1, C Szabo (Rom) 8:36 42; Cross country UXBRIDGE: South of England veterans championships: Men (10km), 1, M Walting (Backheath) 36mn 25sec; 2, R Williams (Exeter) 3627; 3, T Jones (Vale of Aylesbury) 36:29 Over-45: 1, 5 Owen (Nene Valley) 36:38, 3, P Wilcomb (Brighton and Hove) 37:10, 3, G Seward (Exeter) 37:24. Teams: 1, Nene Valley 35;5; 2, Brighton and Hove 69, 3, Blackheath 123. Over-50: 1, G Wootton (Woodford Green) 37:37: 2, J Willouchby (Queen's Park Hanes) 37:34, 3, J Eviley (Oxford City) 37:48. Over-68: 1, R Graham (Windson, Stough and Elon) 40:42; 2, A. Malson (Crawley) 41:40; 3, G Hamold (Enfeld) 41:45. Teams: 1, Oxford City 36; 2, Poole Runners 41, 3, Hercules Windledon 141. Over-68: 1, T Pathronge (Havering Mayesprook) 41:51, 2, K Space (Thames Hare and Hounds) 42:43, Over-68: 1, R Higgs (Barrel) 42:35. Over-68: 1, R Higgs (Barrel) 42:35. 1, Varies 22: 3, Backheath (O Over-70: 1, A Smith (Festands Valey Spartans) 59:18; 2, B Todd (Blackheath) 1:01:43; 3, G Keel-**GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

**ATHLETICS** 

#### TODAY FOOTBALL . Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Saturday: Greater London Leopards 84 Sheffield Sharks 77, Leocester Redors 96 Chester Jets 107. London Towers 77 Derby Storm 66, Manchester Ganks 94 Newscaste Eagles 92. Tharmas Valley Tigers 95 Maton Keynes Lons 88. Worthing Bears 78 Birmingham Billets 92. Yeardays Echnburgh Rocks 99 Greater London Leopards 80.

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NATIONAL, LEAGUE: Men: Pirat division: London 1 100 Braton 66. Mid Sussex 106
Cardiff C 83, Sohnul 86 Plymouth 93; Stevenage 84 Coverary 93. Tessade 119 Cardiff P 26 Second division: Bournermouth 91 Liverpool 87 Pirashne 64 Stough 67; Manchester 34 Chesoragion 63, Tharnes Valley 81 Birmingham 85 Third division: Banking and Logistham 84 N London 69. Doncaster 89; Mull 75 Wanners Pirat division: Northampon 61 Concaster 47, NW London 69 Exemples of 10 Concaster 47, NW London 69 Exemples 65 Shellfeld 48; Tharnes Valley 74 Birming-ham 51 Success division: Manchester 58 Wandaworth 49, Solent 47 Plymouth 58
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): PH-

Wardsworm 43, Soent 47 Pyrincum 58
MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Pri-day: Boston 102 Derwer 94, Indiana 83
Golden Slate 102: Privadelphea 78 Mearn 89 Washington 86 Charlotte 85; Toronto 84 Criando 85, Mivaulices 88 New York 97 Ulah 105 Dallas 95, Protrand 97 Minnesota 85 Los Angeles Lakers 103 Seattle 100

Semi-final Rochdale v Wigan (7.45)... Terment's Scottish Cup

Fifth round Greenock Morton v Celtic (7.45) ..

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Worcester City v Salisbury ISTHIMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Bornham Wood v Marton; Meldenhead v Sut-ton Uld Third round: Chesham v Bromley ton Utd Third round: Cheshem v Bromley RYMAN LEAGUE Premiter of Malors St Albano v Ryman Street of Malors St Albano v Ryman Street of Date of Research Round of V Higher Stanes v Corpora, Wembley v Cherisey, Whyleleafe v Bognor Regs Worthing v Yeading, Second divisions: Abingaton Town v H Hempstead; Bansad v Barlung; Edyware v Harlon; Hungstead v Wivenhoe, Mat Police v Leighton Town Town and Micham v Horstord, Windsor and Elon v Brachnell; Wokingham v Morthwood Third divisions: Camberley Town v Croydon Athebra East Thurock v Town, Cathem v Wingster and Findiley; Epsom and Ewell v Captor Ford Utd v Kingsbury, Homelunch v Loves Purna Capt Fourth round: Duwnch Hamlel v Weeldsterne. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsee v Brighton (7 0), Wallord y Arsenal (at Northwood).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE First division: Newcastle Blue Star v Stock

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MID-LANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hi-lingdon Borough v Somersett Ambury OTHER SPORT BOWLS: British Isles indoor champion-ships (in Bournemouth)

TOMORROW ' FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.45 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Botton v Barnsley (8 0), Bradiord v Sunderland; Bristol City v Bury, Crystae Palace v fos-wich; Grimsby v Cueens Park Rangars; Nor-wich v Port Vals; Orfand Lid v Huddersfield; Porsmouth v Sheffield Utd, Stockport v Swindon, Tranmare v Birmogham, Wolver-hampton v Crewe Second divisions Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers, Burnley v Algonithestor City; Collestator v Orfan, Lin-Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers, Burnley v Nanchester Chy. Colchester v Olchem, Lind-coln v Wradram; Lutin v Fulham, Maccles-field v Gillingham; Notts County v Wy-combe, York v Blackpool Thind division: Barret v Carliste, Brentord v Peterborough, Bughion v Cardiff (8.0), Cambridge Lind-Huri, Chester v Scarborough (7.30), Hallax v Scunthorpe: Hartlepool v Loyton Onent (7.30) Manofield v Exiter, Plymouth v Torquay, Strewsbury v Rotherham, Swan-sea v Darlington.

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Chellenham v Herelord, Dorcaster v Nordwich, Hayes v Forest Green, Kettering v Fambor-ough; Kingstonian v Koderminster, Rush-den and Darmonds v Stevenege cen and Curronics V Severeige SCOTTISH LEAGUE Third division: Dumbation v Albion (7:30), Poss County v Brechin (7:30).

MAEBASHI, Japan: World Indoor championahips: Saturday: Ment: 200m: Final: 1. F. Fredencis (Nam) 20 (Sec. 2. O. Thompson (Barb) 20.26, 3. K. Lette (US) 26.48. Hepstations: 60m: 1. C. Huffins (US) 667sec; 2. E. Nool (Es) 6.83; 3. L. Lobodin (Pluss) 6.87, 4. R. Sahie (C.2) 6.93; 3. L. Lobodin (Pluss) 6.87, 4. R. Sahie (C.2) 6.95; 3. L. Lobodin (Pluss) 6.87, 4. R. Sahie (C.2) 6.95; 7. Pool; 7. Pool;

Track and field

RUGBY UNION WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ebbs Vale v Aberavor (7.0): Llaneli v Bridgend (7.0): First division: Cross Keys v Pontypool (7.0). CLUB MATCH: Sale v Scottish Districts

OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Vareity statistics (at NHC, Millon Keynes); Men (2.30), Women (4.30). TABLE TENNIS: English Open (in Great Varenes);

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL FA CUP: Quarter-final replay: Chaises v FA CUP: Quarter-finel replay, Unaisea v Manchester Urd
FA CARLING PREMEERSHIP: Backburn v Eventon (7.45), Derby v Aston Vila (7.45), Leads v Tomenham (7.45), Notingham Forest v Newcaste (7.45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Sole v Reading (7.45) SCOTTESH LEAGUE: First division: Crydebank v Fallurk (7.30) BADMINTON: All-England champonships (a Birmingham). BASMETBALL: Budwelser League: Der-by Slorm v Edinburgh Rocks (8 0) HOCKEY: Men's representative match (in Portsmouth, 2 30). Army v British Police THURSDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser Langue: Great-er London Leopards v Manchester Giants HOCKEY: Men's representative match (a Portsmouth, 11 0): Army v Civil Service FRIDAY FOOTBALL.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Brisici Rovers v Fulliam (7 45) RUGBY LEAGUE NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Oxf-Itam v Barow (7 45)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: New-casile Eagles v Leicester Riders (7 30). MOTOR RALLYING: Vauchali Rally of SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelses v West Harm Coventry v Blackburn, Derby v

Kick-off 3 Q

Liverpool, Everton v Arsenst Laucester v Chariton: Newcastle v Manchester Utd; Shoffield Wednesday v Leeds; Totterham v Asion Villa, Wimbledon v Nottingham For-

Asson Vee, Winderon V Kottingham Forest.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Britingham v West Bronwich, Botton v
Cuests Park Rangers: Braddend v Novech,
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Leens Park Rangers: Braddend v Walderd,
Port Vale v Stockport, Portsmouth v Crystal
Palace, Swindon v Creek, Tranmer v Shefield Utd: Wolverhampon v Bristol City Seoend division: Bladdepool v Wwsham,
Bournemouth v Residing, Lincoln v Chesterledt, Litton v Stote, Macdesfield v Cochesledt, Machester City v Otcham, Milwell v
Walsal, Note County v York, Wigen v Califialam, Wycombe v Northampton Third diviston: Barnet v Cambridge Utd. Brentond v
Strewshur, Beghton v Barniglon, Carddi v
To muser, Chester v Scunthorpe, Haldex v
Cartiste, Leyton Chert v Hult, Mansfeld v Rivchdale, Peterborough v Swansse, Plymouth
v Hartispool. Scarborough v Rothertem,
Southend v Exeter.

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V Hayes; Famborough v Barrow; Forest 
Green v Ködlemmister, Morecambe v Woking Rushden and Diemonds v Leek; Southport v Dover; Suavriage v Cheltenham; Tellord v Northwich; Welling v Kingstonier; Yeovil v Hereford 
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Aberdeen v Celic; Dunder; Rangers v Motherwell, 
Statinstone v Kimamool.

SCOTTISH I BAGUE: East thickless of SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ar-dne v Stravaer: Cyclebank v Hibernian, Felivik v St Mirrer: Greenook Morton v Rath. Second division: Forlar v Artrosto.

Inverness CT v East Fife: Livingston v Queen of South, Pertick v Chole, Strifing v Al-lea. Third division: Berwick v Durobartor, Cowdenbeath v Ross County, East String v Sterthousernair: Mantrose v Brechm, Queen's Park v Albon RUGBY LINION

Ing (Fairlands Valley Spartans) 1:02:30.
Women (6km): 1. Z Hyde-Peters (Henerit)
27:15. 2. J Harrop (Hevent) 27:31: 3. A Murphy (Muswell Hill Rumens) 20:44. C Over-60:
1. C Doe (Poole Rumens) 30:14: 2. J Ross
(Winchester) 32:00. 3. R Miler (North London) 33:01. Over-48: 1. G Dean (Rediey Lades) 23:48. 2. A Hefferman (Veterans AC)
30:59:3. D Marsh (Cry of Norwoh) 31:25:
Over-50: 1. P Pich (Serpentine) 31:52: 2. M
Authack (Hanelegh) 32:18: 3. L Gazzani
(Baarbrook Joggers) 35:59 Over-58: 1. I
Homesy (Cambridge and Cotientige) 38:20;
2. A Bottho (Trent Park Trotters): 3. J King
(Faing, Southall and Middlesse). Over-50:
1. P Jones (Riord) 34:52: 2. M Hottnes (Cambridge and Coleridge) 37:26: 3. W Redgrave (Trent Park Trotters) Teams: 1, Serpertine 47: 2. Bearbrook Joggers 103, 3,
Hardey Runners 134

Road running

STRATHCLYDE PARRIC Scottlish 10km champlonshiper Merc 1, G Stewart (Mizu-no) 25mm 38eec; 2, D Ross (Mazuno) 30:11, 3, A Pudsini (Kibarchan) 30:16 Teams: 1, Mizuno 87pts, 2, Strathclyde 151, 3, City of Edinburgh 208, Worsen: 1, F Lothern (Fel) 35:08; 2, T Thompson (Bebcock: Persewe) 35:15; 3, S Feinweafter (Glesgow University) 35:32, Teams: 1, City of Glesgow 20pts, 2, Glesgow University 42; 3, Strathleyin Lactes 49

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated ALLIED DURBAR PREM Girlsion: London Scottish v RSHIP: Float ALLIED DUMAN PRESMERS PER PRESMERS PER MANISTER LONDON SCHOOL PRESMERS PER PRESMERS JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE First division: Cumberley v Manchester: Heritey v
Wersfedst, Lydney v Liverpool Si Halens,
Morley v Hamogate, Newbury v Notinghers,
Odey v Brimingham/Solinulit, Reading v
Rosslyn Park, Second division mortistKinckey v Whitchurch, New Brighton v Kendat; Nuneaton v Sedgiey Park; Peeston
Grasshoppers v Lichfield, Sundal v Aspatra; Soutoridge v Shefseld, Waless v Winringson Park; Second division south;
Earling v Bradenet; Gridgwater v Notivich;
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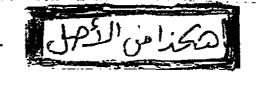
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## Court of Appeal

## Time limit not against EC law Working time is term of contract

### Queen's Bench Division

## Matra Communication SA v

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Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice

### (Indoment February 25)

The three-month time limit laid down in a statutory instrument for challenging the terms of a public erising use terms or a public service contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Conmunities was not in breach of EC law, since in the absence of a sufficiently also services the contract of th ciently close comparable limitation period on similar domestic claims the government was free to set any tation period which did not make it virtually impossible or excessively difficult to obtain repara-

#### The Court of Appeal so held dis-missing an appeal by the plaintiff, Matra Communication SA, from an order of Mr Justice Rattee made on July 31, 1998 on trial of preliminary issues in the plaintiff's action for a declaration that the Home Office was in breach of article 30 and/ or article 3(2) of Council Directive 92/50 (CJ 1992 L209/1) on the coordination of procedures for the award of public service contracts, and/or regulation 8 of the Public Services Contract Regulations (SI No 1993 No 3228) by excluding systems based on Tetrapol technology from the terms of tender for public

Mr David Vaughan, QC and Mr Mark Brealey for Matra; Mr

salety radio communications con-

G and GB Hewitt Ltd v SA

Namur-Assurances du Credit

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord

Justice Chadwick and Lord Justice

An exclusion clause in a standard

form insurance policy covering

bad debts which on its face re-

ferred to goods the export or im-

port of which was or might become

prohibited had no application to

purely domestic trade but applied

only to goods which themselves

It followed that the claim of an

English meat wholesaler in respect

of invoices unpaid on the insolven-

cy of an English company which

failed as a result of the ban on the

export of beef was valid under the

The Court of Appeal so held, dis-

missing the appeal of the defend-ant, SA Namur-Assurances du

Credit, against the decision of

Judge Kershaw, sitting as a judge

of the High Court to the Manches-

ter District Registry, giving judg-ment for the plaintiff, G and GB

Hewitt Ltd in the sum of £16,647.39

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**Judement February 12** 

cmssed frontiers.

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON said Matra was a French company spesing in the design of mobile radio telephone systems to be used by limited groups on a secure ha-sis. They had a system based on Tetrapol technology. The main rival system, produced by a consorti-

um, Quadrant, which included BT, was based on Tetra technology. The Home Office was seeking a new secure radio system for use by police, and possibly by other public

lts specification for the contract called for Tetra technology, which excluded Matra.

Matra maintained that was a breach of the directly effective pro-visions of articles 30 and 59 of the EU Treaty and of article 3(2) of Di-rective 92/50 which required contracting authorities to ensure there was no discrimination between different service providers.

The Home Office denied the claims on the basis that European procurement rules required them to specify Tetra, as being the ap-proved standard. That claim was not in issue in the appeal.

Before the judge, the Home Of-fice had succeeded in having the ac-tion, in effect, struck out because it had not been brought within the time limit. The issues in the appeal were:

I Was the action brought promptly and in any event within three

Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Simon Hilton for the defend-

ant; Mr Craig Sephton for the

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the plaintiff was a meat

wholesaler and processor. The de-

On December 1, 1990 the plain-

tiff took out a policy of insurance

with the defendant which gave the

plaintiff some cover against the

Clause 12 provided for insolven-

cy so that if a customer of the plain-

tiff became insolvent the defendant

would pay the plaintiff 85 per cent

of what the customer owed. The

policy of insurance was renewed

Between March 4 and 21, 1996 the plaintiff rendered invoices for

about £39,000 to a large customer,

Cornwall Meat Processors Ltd., in respect of meat supplied. On

March 27 the European Union im-

posed a ban on the export of beef. Comwall, which had an exten-

sive export trade, was hadly hit and in May an administration or-

fendant was a credit insurer.

risk of bad debts.

Charles Flint and Mr Adam Lewis for bringing it arose, as required by regulation 32(4)(0)? 2 Was that requirement of regula-

> 3 If so, was the judge correct in refusing to extend the time limit? In his Lordship's judgment, on any sensible view of the facts, it was plain to Matra some mounts before they issued their writ that they were suffering, or at least risked suffering, damage by

radio project. was whether the three-month re quirement of the regulation was in conformity with Community law. Did the limitation period cause the whole scheme of remedies, in-cluding the limitation period, to breach the UK's obligation to pro-vide remedies for breaches of Com-

reason of the configuration of the

munity provisions that comply with the requirements of Community jurisprudence? The European Court of Justice in *Palmisani* v *INPS* (Case C-261/95) ([1997] ECR I-4025, paragraph 27) had held that the state had to make reparation on the hasis of the rules of national law on li-

ability and that the conditions, in particular time limits, for reparation must be not less layourable than those relating to similar domestic claims (principle of equiva-lence) and must not be so framed as to make it virtually impossible

Under a voluniary arrangement

under the Insolvency Act 1986 the

plaintiff received some payment

In May 1996 the plaintiff claimed against the defendant un-

der the policy. The defendant rejected the claim. In August 1996 the

plaintiff began these proceedings.

The defence relied on was an exclu-

the meaning of clause 15.7.3 which excluded "losses arising from the

delivery of goods or the rendering

of services in respect of which the

export from the insured's country

of residence and/or business or the

import into the same of such goods

or services is or may become pro-

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or similar export, import or ex-

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ant that the clause applied at the time of delivery but if the export of

the goods was subsequently prohib-

ited they became goods the export of which might be prohibited and

if so the insurer could rely on clause 15.7.3.

It was submitted for the defend-

scribed consents are lacking".

The issue of construction was

against its invoices.

sion in clause 15.

The domestic court, in applying the principle of equivalence must look not merely for a domestic action similar to the claim asserting Community rights, but for one that

was in juristic structure very close to the Community claim. It did by considering the purpos and the essential characteristics of allegedly similar domestic actions If there was no action in the do-

mestic system that met those crite-ria, the national system was at lib-erty, subject to the principle of effectiveness, to set whatever limitation period seemed best to it for the claim in relation to Community

His Lordship considered a number of possible comparators, tory duty, action for breach of othrights, judicial review, and the proions in the Local Government Act 1988 forbidding selection of con-tractors on the basis of non-commercial considerations.

None of those, as the judge had found, was sufficiently close in juristic structure to be a suitable comparator. Effectiveness was a very limited criterion.

Mr Vaughan had accepted that the regulations could not be attacked on that basis. The judge had correctly refused to extend the time limit.

Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice Hirst agreed.

His Lordship said that clause

15.7 on its face applied to goods which themselves crossed a fron-

tier. Reading clause 15.7 as a whole

what was being contemplated throughout was that the goods

themselves were to be imported or

Under the terms of the policy the

insured might be abroad but the

customer had to be in the United

Kingdom. The insured could be an

exporter of goods which became the subject of some sort of prohibi-

If the insured and the customer

were in the United Kingdom but

the goods were to be imported to be delivered to the customer, or if the

insured were resident abroad and

supplying goods to a customer in the United Kingdom the clause

could apply. The goods themselves

had to cross a frontier and there-

Lord Justice Chadwick delivered

a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Laws agreed.

Solicitors: Stevens & Bolton,

Guildford; Aaron & Partners, Ches-

to the present facts.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson:

## Clause applies to goods crossing frontiers

On December 7, 1998 the defend-

On January 25, 1999 the plain-

tion and injunctions against the de fendants. The relief was designed to declare rights claimed by the

tions, made in order to give effect to EU Council Directive 93/104/EC of November 23, 1993 (O) 1993

"(I) Subject to regulation 5, a worker's working time including overtime, in any reference period

Mining UK Ltd Before Mr Justice Gage Fudgment March 3

Regulation 4(1) of the Working Time Regulations (SI 1998 No 1833) imposed a contractual obligation on an employee to ensure that an employee worked no more than the statutory maximum of 48 hours in any given week.

Where therefore an employe worked in excess of those hours he would be able to bring civil proceedings in the High Court and not in an employment tribunal.

Mr Justice Cage so held the
Queen's Bench Division in grani-

ng a declaration that having worked in excess of the statutory maximum in a certain reference period the plaintiffs did not need to work until such time as their working time fell within statutory lim-

The plaintiffs, Mr Steven Barber, Mr Paul Bennett, Mr John Bentley, Mr Peter Buffin and Mr Alan Guy, were command supervisors, known as deputies, who worked in the coal mining indus uv. They were all members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotlivers

(NACODS).
The defendants, RJB Mining UK Ltd. owned and managed coal mines in the Yorkshire area where the plaintiffs were employed. In the 17-week period after the 1998 Regulations came into force in worked in excess of an average of

48 hours a week. The plaintiffs were required to work at weekends, in excess of their contractual hours of 42 hours a week, in order to keep mines open.

ants sent a letter to their employees in which they sought agreement to opt out of the 48-hour working time limit. NACODS advised its members not to sign an opt-out agreement until satisfactory negotiis with the defendants on wages had been completed.

tills refused to sign the opt-out agreement. However, each was required to continue working and did so under protest and without prejudice to the rights sought in the instant proceedings.

The plaintiffs sought a declara-

plaintiffs under regulation 4 of the 1998 Regulations and enforcement of those rights by means of injunc-Regulation 4 of the 1998 Regula-

Barber and Others v RJB which was applicable in his case shall not exceed an average of 48

hours for each seven days. "(2) An employer shall take all reasonable steps, in keeping with the need to protect the health and salety of workers, to ensure that the time limit specified in para-graph (1) is complied with in the case of each worker employed by him in relation to whom it applies.

Mr Brian Langstaff, QC and Mr Jason Galbraith-Marten for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Underhill, QC and Mr Anthony Sendall for

MR JUSTICE GAGE said said the crucial issue was whether paraalone, or whether it had to be read with and subject to paragraph (2). His Lordship did not accept that paragraphs (I) and (2) must be read together. Mr Langstaff was correct when

he submitted that to so would have the effect of reducing or making uncertain the limit of the maximum average working hours permitted in any week.
It seemed clear that Parliament

intended that all contracts of em-ployment should be read so as to

reference period. It seemed that that was a manda-

tory requirement which had to apply to all contracts of employment. The fact that paragraph (1) did not state that an employer was prohibited from requiring his employ-ee from working longer hours, did not prevent that paragraph from having the effect of placing an obli-gation on an employer not to reruire an emoloyee to work more than the permitted number of

Such an obligation was in keeping with the stated objective of Directive 93/104/EC (1993 OJ L307 pl8) of providing for health and

Paragraph (2) did impose an obligation on an employer but it was a qualified obligation. As such it

was different from the mandatory terms of paragraph (i).
It was one of those obligations the breach of which could be the subject of criminal proceedings. It

could be that it was for that reason that the qualification was inserted. Whatever might be the reason the obligation in paragraph (2), was in his Lordship's view, separate and distinct from the clear and

48 hours in any week during the agraph (2) of regulation 4, subject as it was to criminal proceedings. could fairly be said to be an obligation which could only be dealt with in the manner provided for by the

Having held that paragraph (i) of regulation 4 provided free standing legal rights and obligations un-der the plaintiffs contracts of employment, it followed that to re-quire them to continue to work before sufficient time had clapsed to bring the weekly average below 48 hours was a breach of regulation

In his Lordship's judgment the plaintiffs were entitled to the grant of a declaration. The fact that the proceedings had to be seen against the background of negotiations and as a tactical manocuvre in the union's dispute with the defendtiffs were not entitled to the declara-

The declaration would have the effect of making it clear that they were entitled, if they so chose, to refuse to continue working until the average working hours came within the specified limit.

His Lordship declined to grant the injunctions sought. Solicitors: Keeble, Hawson &

## Litigant has no right to lay adviser in chambers

Regina.v Bow County Court, Ex parte Pelling Before Lord Justice Otton and Mrs

Justice Stee [Judgment March 1] .

The right to act as a McKenzie friend, a lay adviser to a litigant in person, (McKenzie v McKenzie ([1971] P 33)) existed where a hearing was in open court. Where, however, a hearing was

held in chambers, the judge had a discretion whether to permit the presence of a McKenzie friend. The exercise of that discretion was subject to challenge by the litigant in person and not by the McKenzie The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held, in dismissing an application for judicial review of the refusal of Judge Goldstein, on December 9, 1997, to permit Michael John Pelling to act as a McKenzie friend in chambers in a family case at Bow County Court.

Mr Pelling in person; Mr Rabinder Singh for Bow County Court: LORD JUSTICE OFTON said that the court was unable to accept that the common law had evolved in the provision of legal services to

right of a McKenzie friend to be

the hearing was in chambers there present in chambers. The fact that legal aid might no longer be availa-ble in a range of cases where it was was a discretion in the judge to permit the presence of a McKenzie friend. Any challenge to the exer-cise of the judge's discretion could be made only by the litigant in performerly did not create any right or greater status for McKenzie friends. Barristers and solicitors who appeared or assisted on a proson. He alone sought redress from bono basis did so as of right, even in chambers, by virtue of their pro-fessional standing.

The fact that Mr Pelling acther the right to be in chambers

knowledged, and asserted, that he had a duty to "his client". falling short, as he initially maintained, but later resiled from, of a duty of care, did not assist him. Mr Pelling might wish to call

and think of those whom he assisted as his "clients" but that did not establish a professional relationship in any legal sense, except that possibly, where he did it for reward, an obligation arose to be present at court on the day of the

hearing. His "client", the litigant in person, must still seek the leave of the court for Mr Pelling to act as a Me-Kenzie friend. The other side might object whether represented or not.

there was no correlative right vest-

Where the hearing was in open court there was a right to a Mckenzie friend. That right was vested solely in the litigant in person;

friend. -

In Wards Construction (Medway) Ltd v Kent County Council (The Times March 3) the appellant was

The McKenzie friend had nei-

to impugn the exercise of judi-

cial discretion to exclude him. In

his Lordship's judgment, it fol-lowed that he had no locus standi

to bring these judicial review pro-

for a judge to give reasons for his

decision to exclude a McKenzie

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

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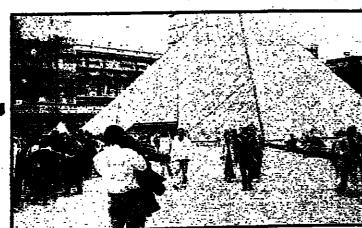
edings. Further, no general duty existed

Kent County Council, represented by Mr Malcolm Spence, QC. Mr Adrian Trevelyan Thomas and Mr Thomas Lowe, and the respondent was Wards Construction (Medway) Ltd., represented by Mr Gerard Ryan, QC and Mr Rodney

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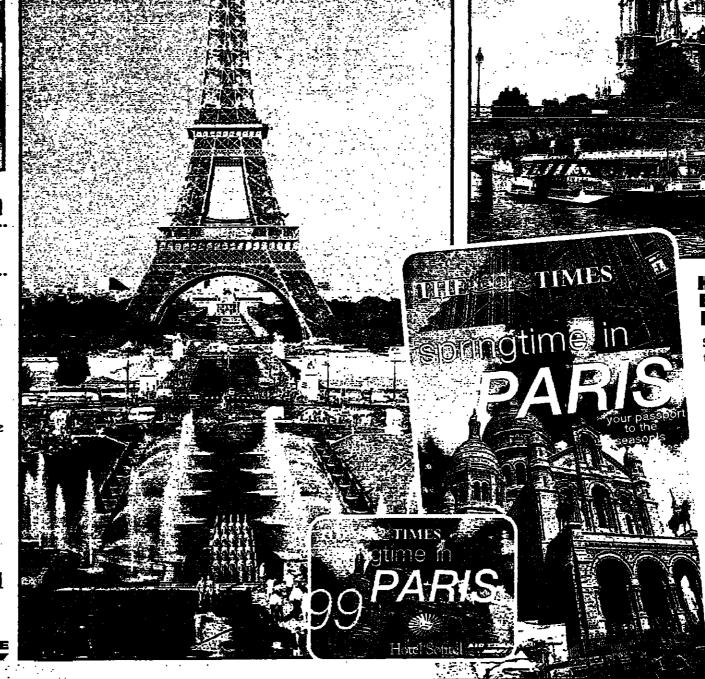
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#### TOMORROW

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#### WEDNESDAY

Interiors: Rage Software, Finals: Abbot Group, Aggregate Industries, BICC, Bowthorpe, Caim Energy, Cordiant Communications Group, Countrywide Assured Group, Holmes Place, Mailett, Matalan, John Mowlem, Pearson, Pentland, PTS, Springwood, Terranova Foods, Ti Group, Thompson Corporation, none scheduled.

#### THURSDAY

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MICHAEL CLARK

## BAT keeps one eye on US courts

BAT INDUSTRIES: These are likely to be the last set of results from the tobacco group, whose executive Broughton, before its merger with rival Rothmans, led by Johann Rupert, is concluded. Full-year results tomorrow, are likely to show pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, up marginally from £1.37 billion to £1.38 billion. But after stripping out costs relating to US litigation and the demerger of its financial services arm, the final figure will show profits down from £875 million to £767 million. Earnings a share, on the other hand, will be up about 7 per cent at 48p.

Once again the results are likely to be dominated by the ongoing litiga-tion in the US after a court order for rival Philip Morris to stump up \$51.5 million. BT Alex Brown, the broker, says that the unpredictable nature of the juries means that the risk to the tobacco companies is extensive.

But at least brokers will be able to assess prospects for the group once the merger with Rothmans has been completed. Most brokers expect the enlarged company to become more aggressive, especially in the high margin European market. The payout is estimated at 24p.

RECKITT & COLMAN: These are troubled times for the household products group. Former chief executive Vernon Sankey was the casualty in January, following the group's November profits warning. And full-year results on Friday are expected to provide shareholders with further bad news.

BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting a downturn in pre-tax profits from £299 million to £276 million with earnings a share declining by 6 per cent from 51.2p to 48.lp. That compares with earlier profits forecasts of £340 million.

Sales in the US will have been depressed by destocking while the real pressure for the recent profit downgrades came from margin pressure in Europe and exposure to emerging markets.

In the meantime, there is persistent talk about a bid for the company. The payout should grow from 24p to 26.2p.

DIAGEO: Brokers will have their im results, due out on Thursday. The impact of currency factors, dis- Grand Metropolitan. posals and the economic downturn



Johann Rupert, left, and Martin Broughton hope to see BAT pick up speed after the Rothmans deal

have taken their toll on profitability. At the pre-tax level, profits are ex-pected to come in at about £1 billion, down from £1.2 billion last time.

Earnings a share, however, are

likely to be little altered at 201/sp. Sales of spirits in both North America and Europe should be OK, reflecting similar outcomes re-cently from Allied Domecq and Seagram, the Canadian drinks group. But the numbers will be affected by the disposal of Dewars Scotch and Bombay Gin, required as part of work cut out making sense of inter- the Government's approval for the merger between Guinness and

Burger King will have enjoyed

costs will have taken the edge off profits, while strong trading at Guinness in November and December will have offset the ill-effects of the downturn in business in the Far East. There is likely to be some caution over Pillsbury's performance following a slow-down in the second half of last year. Profits are likely to be down, hit by rising raw material costs. The payout to shareholders will be down about a third

PEARSON: An upbeat trading statement in December gave bro-kers a clear insight into the publishing group's prospects. As such, there are unlikely to be any nasty surprises when the g

nal results on Friday. Pre-tax profits should come in at between £340 million and £360 million, up from £285.9 million last time. Earnings a share will be about 42p compared with 35p. Brokers will be anxious to see how Simon & Schuster is bedding down. Brokers expect it to provide the engine for earnings growth over the next few years.

Overall profits will have been boosted by a general improvement in AWL and £10 million of cost savings at All America, while losses at Channel 5 should be down from £15 million to £9 million. Strong circulation at the Financial Times will have been offset by investment costs.

payout to grow 10 per cent from 19%p to 21%p.

REED ELSEVIER: There are unlikely to be any surprises when the Anglo-Dutch publisher reports final results on Thursday. Pre-tax pre-exceptional profits are expected to come in at £770 million, down from £823 million a year earlier, in line with the forecast given by the company in its trading update in December. Earnings a share will be around 26p, down 4 per cent on the 27.2p paid in 1997. The full-year dividend is likely to rise to between 15p and 151/p from 14.6p.

ENTERPRISE OIL: Brokers will be seeking any crumbs of information about the progress of the proposed merger with rival Lasmo when full-year results are published on Friday. But a growing number are becoming increasingly scentical about the rationale behind the move with few obvious synergies between the two groups and therefore limited opportunities for

Since news of the talks with Lasmo were first announced on January 11, the market has increasingly called into question Enterprise Oil's strategy. Shares in Enterprise have fallen by 20 per cent. If merger talks do break down it will have to send a clear message to the market on its future plans for growth, particular-ly in the light of the current poor trading environment.

This will be clearly reflected in the results with the crude price slip-ping to a 12-year low late in the year. On a current cost of supply basis, brokers are forecasting in a range from a loss of £10 million to a net profit of £10 million. Most of them expect Enterprise to pass the final dividend after signalling at the interim stage that it planned to rebase its payout policy going for-ward. The 1998 dividend is there-

fore seen at 6.9p against 17.4p.

The figures will include several one-off items, including small asset write-downs, restructuring provisions and a gain on asset disposals. These asset writedowns, which are due to the FRSII accounting changes, are expected to total around £25 million to £30 million.

NYCOMED AMERSHAM: FInal results today should show pretax profits of between £214 million and £230 million before exceptionin its first full year since the

merger of Amersham with the Norwegian healthcare company in 1997. The forecasts compare with a pro-forma figure of £199 million. Analysts expect the first full dividend to be set at 5p to 5.6p.

The shares have suffered because of broker downgrades. There have been concerns over non-core operations, such as bad debts on the sale of pharmaceuticals into Russia.

But there are also worries about the company's ability to handle the decline in the US market for X-ray contrast media, though the company has in the past pointed to the growth in its other branded products, such as lodine Seeds and Myoview to compensate for the decline. An ongoing cost-reduction pro-gramme is expected to have contributed about £20 million in the second half of the year, after £9 million in the first half, which should help to overcome the negative currency factor of about £18 million.

BBA GROUP: Full-year results tomorrow should see pre-tax profits come in between £164 million and £168 million compared with £156.7 million last time. Earnings a share will be up from 24p to between 25½p and 27.3p. Expect the group to declare a dividend of about 9p against 8p.

These results are likely to reflect strong profit growth in the second half and a positive business outlook as the group's strategy of building market share in its three core divisions is beginning to pay off.

The strengthening of its activities has led the group to become a prominent player in hygiene non-woven textiles, automotive friction materials and aviation services. Many of the group's operations

should be recession resilient because of the fact that their exposure to outsourcing or substitution trends should sustain demand.

## SUBBAT TRE

The Sunday Times: Buy BT, Caradon, Independent Insurance, Rolls-Royce. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Electronics Boutique, Winchester Entertainment. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Alliance Unichem; Sell Game Group. Sunday Express: Buy Booth Industries.

## Jensen snaps up former chief of Rolls-Royce

By Adam Jones

GRAHAM MORRIS, who resigned as chief executive of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars after a tortuous takeover battle last year, has taken on the role of non-executive chairman of lensen, the once-mighty sports ar company hoping to become an icon of British design again.
Jensen began making cars

in 1935 but was perhaps best known for the Interceptor, which was introduced in 1966. Jensen collapsed into voluntary liquidation in the early Nineties but the marque was bought by the Creative Group. an automotive consultancy, in 1998 for a six-figure sum. The new owners showed a

prototype of a new car, the S-V8, at the British International Motor Show in Birmingham to great public and industry interest last year. Jensen said it now has £4 million worth of reservations for the model, which goes into production in the second half of this year and will sell at E39,500. It is to ask the Government for El million aid for the project



and seek up to £1.5 million from venture capital groups. Jensen hopes to employ about 60 people directly next year, with indirect employment in support areas taking the total of jobs created to between 100 and 200.

Mr Morris resigned from RRMC in July after BMW and VW, who had been battling for the luxury carmaker, agreed to split the Rolls-Royce brand from its sister marque, Bentley, in 2003, taking half each.

## **Budget likely to** be on generous side of neutral

GORDON BROWN'S third full Budget will dominate UK economic discussion this week but will not necessarily dominate the financial markets, where the foreign exchanges may again be lively.

At home, most City economists expect the Budget to be slightly more generous than neutral against a background of buoyant revenue but a recession in industrial production. A final clutch of monthly fig-

ures today will not cause a big rewrite. According to the median of forecasts gathered by Standard & Poor's MMS, UK industrial production fell by 0.3 per cent seasonally adjusted in January, making a 0.2 per cent year-on-year drop. S&P itself expects a 0.8 per cent monthly drop, but Philip Shaw of Investee Bank sees no change, thanks to a 0.2 per cent rise in manufacturing output. S&P sees manufacturing

0.6 per cent down in January. HSBC goes for 0.3 per cent. Factory gate prices should present a better picture, with a monthly change of no more than 0.1 per cent either way. But



prices vary widely after recent steep falls. Against a median fall of 0.2 per cent, S&P looks for a 0.8 per cent fall, but HSBC expects a 1.2 per cent rise.

Abroad, more gloom is likely from Germany tomorrow. Median forecast is for 10,000 more jobless in February. HSBC expects 22,000.

By contrast, expect evidence that America's economy can keep growing strongly with low inflation. Tomorrow pro-ductivity figures for the last quarter of 1998 are expected to be revised up to about 4.3 per cent. Strong car sales and more retail jobs suggest that US re-tail sales rose strongly in February. S&P expects a 1.1 per cent rise on Thursday, HSBC 0.7 per cent. The downside comes on Friday, with another \$60 billion US current account deficit likely for the fourth quarter.

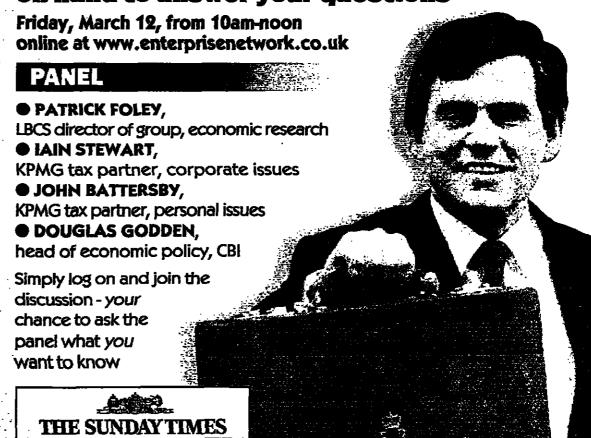
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#### THE FACTS

Market cap: £6.4 billion Turnover: (year to September 30, 1998) £4.61 billion Pre-tax profits: £834 mil-

Operating profit before exeptionals: £722 million Employees: 80,000-plus Overview: Bass describes itself as an International hospitality and leisure group, focusing on hotels, leisure retailing and brand-

### THE BOARD

Sir lan Prosser, chairman and chief executive since 1987, joined Bass in 1969, being appointed to the board in 1978 and made group managing director in 1984. Although his retention of the two top jobs does not accord with best corporate governance practice, the strength of the directors heading Bass's three divisions has tended to deflect any criticism. Sir lan, tor of Lloyds TSB and is depu-

ty chairman of BP Amoco. The finance director is Rich ard North, who joined from Burton Group in 1994. He iously spent 23 years with Coopers & Lybrand. Mr North, 48, is a non-exec at Asda, Leeds Sporting and Fel-Cor Lodging Trust.
The head of Bass Hotels &

Resorts is Tom Oliver, 57, who joined the group in 1997 after spells with Federal Express, Thomas Cook, Hertz and American Airlines.

His counterpart at Bass Leisure Retail is Tim Clarke, 41., who was appointed to the board in 1996 and is a nonexec at Debenhams. The chief executive of Bass Brewers is tain Napler, 49, who is also on Perry Group's board.

The director of personnel and company secretary is Spencer Wigley, 56, a solicitor, who joined Bass in 1992. Bass has five non-executive directors, led by the deputy chairman, Sir Michael Perry. He is chairman of Centrica and Dunlop Stazenger and a non-exec of Marks & Spencer The others are: Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kinglisher; Roger Carr, chief executive of Williams: Robert Larson, chairman of the US group Taubman Realty; and Sir Peter Middleton, acting

chief executive of Bardays.

IT IS odd to think that just a year ago the City was growing increasingly impatient for Bass to spend some of the £2 billion-plus war chest it had amassed from offloading businesses such as Gala bingo. Corai, the bookmakers, and

But what we did not know then was that Sir Ian Prosser, the chairman and chief executive, was plotting a £1.8 billion move on Inter-Continental Hotels, which would provide the luxury brand that was missing from its existing Holiday Inn hotel business. Even then, it took all Sir

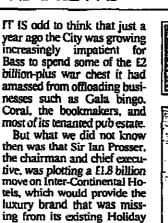
lan's business and diplomatic skills to land the prize from under the noses of Ladbroke, Patriot American Hospitality and Marriott. The victory over Marriott was especially pleasing because the gung-ho American group was so confident.

What Marriott had not appreciated were the niceties of dealing with Japanese companies. Despite its precarious financial Group, Inter-Continental's owner, was persuaded not just by the colour of Bass's money but by the way Sir lan personally took control of the negotiations.

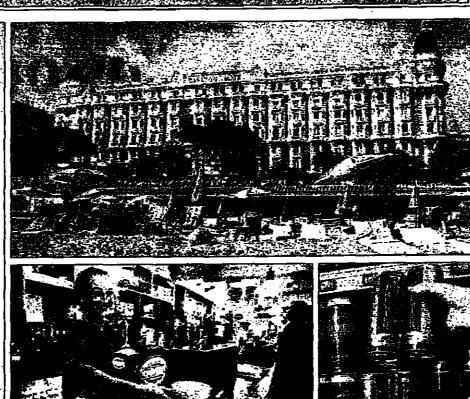
Aware of the painful loss of face that selling Inter-Continental would mean to Saison's bosses, he not only offered them an immediate solution to their financial straits but also drew up a master licence agreement for Saison to operate the Inter-Continental and Forum brands for the whole of Japan (although the future of the Forum brand is under review). This allowed it to retain an involvement with the company, thus mitigating some of the inevitable loss of face.

It is strongly rumoured that what finally clinched it for Bass was a private meeting between Sir lan and one of the ultimate shareholders of the Saison Group - none other than Emperor Akihito himself.

The acquisition of Inter-Continental has given Bass a sense of completeness it has not had for many years. In a short space of time, mature businesses have been sold off and the money invested in faster-growth areas of the hospitality market. The feeling in the City is that Sir Ian has finally laid down the strategic platform necessary to take the 200-year-old company into the next century. His principal task now is to drive the enormous potential for organic growth his strategic moves have created, although the current economic climate means that this may take slightly longer to prove itself.







Sir Ian Prosser has laid down the strategic platform to take Bass into the next century. It has a spread of top-class brands in each of its chosen areas, including the luxury Inter-Continental Hotels, its bestselling Carling lager and retail outlets targeting subtly different segments of the drinking and eating out market.

Sir lan's vision suffered an early hiccup last September when an apparently straightfor-ward trading statement was interpreted by the City as a profit warning, sending the shares diving to 636p, compared with the record high of £11.75 in early summer in the wake of the Inter-Continental deal. Sir lan is known to have been upset at the City's reaction. What he had failed to appreciate was the market's growing nervousness about consumer-reliant companies in general, and brewing and pub companies in particular. The additional revelation that product recalls had wiped about £15 million

Britvic soft drinks arms merely fanned the flames. Since then, trading in Bass Leisure Retail - consisting of pubs. restaurants and leisure venues such as Dave & Buster's — has got tougher and the group, in common with its peers, has reined in the massive high street investment in such brands as All Bar One and Edward's, and put in place a much more cautious capital expenditure regime. It has also initiated a significant cost-cutting programme.

ing climate, the tough action taken by the company — allied

to an appreciation that September's trading update was not that bad after all when set against its rivals - has prompted a partial recovery, and the shares now trade at 858p.

There is also a growing perception among analysts that Bass is gradually shifting itself from being an asset-backed

"The company's basic strategy is now in place. They've just got

they have established a sound platform for growth in all three

divisions. The group has a strong balance sheet and its growth should be capable of being flaunced from its own resources

in the short term, look to have been expensive. However, we

and performing much better than feared. As a result, we

eve the acquisition will accelerate Bass's long-term growth

Mark Puleikis, brewing and drinks analyst, Merrill Lynch

are increasingly of the view that the hotel market is hold

Nigel Parson, drinks analysts, WestLB Panmure

ment, the Inter-Continental deal does,

company to one based on brands, such that it is able to leverage the benefits of having a spread of top-class brands in each of its chosen areas. In hotels, for example, it covers virtually the entire market spectrum, from the budget Holiday Inn Express, through the core

the market, Inter-Continental. The same can be said of brewing, in which Carling — the UK's biggest-selling lager - is complemented by Tennent's, while its Bass ale sits alongside Caffrey's and Worthington. And for the younger market there is Hooper's Hooch. Similarly, the various retail brands range

Holiday Inn brand to Crowne

Plaza and, at the deluxe end of

from community pubs, through Toby, Harvester, All Bar One, Edward's and Browns - all of which target subtly different seements of the drinking and eating-out market. An unheralded but potentially significant move

was last month's acquisition of

the Alex Group, a German

chain of bars akin to All Bar One and Edward's - described by Bass as "a toe in the water" in the continental market. Analysts are also impressed by the balance that today's

Bass has established between cash-generative businesses and those that require cash. The cash thrown off from brewing, for example, is rapidly reinvested in its hotel and managed pub businesses.

All this is a far cry from the company founded by William Bass in 1777 in Burton upon Trent, By 1800, under William's son, Michael, Bass ale was already widely exported, with more than half its production being shipped to the Baltic and the north German ports for sale in Russia. Finland and the German states. Such was its tame that Manet, the Impressionist painter, included two bottles of Bass in his celebrated Bar aux Folies Bergère. The bottle label incorporating the Bass red triangle - originally a shipping

mark - is Britain's oldest registered trade mark.

It is a source of personal regret to Sir lan that Bass bitter. still marketed as "our finest ale" on the label, is suffering from the general decline of real alc. However, the company last year restructured its brewing operations and appears to be well-positioned to capitalise on the strength of its brands, led by Carling, which sells a stagger-

ing 3.3 million barrels a year. More disappointingly, at-tempts to use the Czech Republic as the base for a push into Central and Eastern Europe have hit problems. Prague Breweries, in which Bass has a controlling stake, continues to suffer from the Czech recession and the Russian crisis. It has just reported its fourth lossmaking year out of the past five and minority shareholders have complained of Bass's "unacceptable" management. On the plus side, Prague's Staropramon lager is being exported into the US, Italy and Spain.

Another area of controversy is Sir Ian's remuneration. Last year, his total pay package rose 97 per cent to £1.6 million thanks to performance-related bonuses worth £300,000 and options worth more than £700,000. However, Crisp Consulting considers Sir Ian to be underpaid for someone of his seniority and experience and says the non-executive directors are paid reasonably.
Integrity Works, mean-

while, says that Bass has room for improvement on ethical expression. It says that Bass has a concise statement giving business conduct guidance, but its ethics materials are silent on some areas that are challenging many international companies, such as human rights. Bass, it adds, needs to consider addressing such issues in its ethics statements.

DOMINIC WALSH

#### Ethical Expression ..... 6/10 Fat-cat quotient<sup>2</sup>..... 10/10 Financial record ...... 7/10 Share performance.... 6/10 Strength of brand.... 9/10 Annual report. 8/10 City star rating 7/10 Future prospects. . 8/1D Total. 76/100

## body over Archer trading

CREDIT SUISSE First Boston Crisanti and Adrian Ezra. (CSFB) is expected to face a Swedish disciplinary committee tomorrow over the share dealings of James Archer, the 24-year-old son of Lord Archer

of Weston-super-Mare. The committee could fine CSFB or ban it from trading on the Swedish stock market. Mr Archer, along with David members of the "Flaming Ferraris" - named for their consumption of a £13-a-shot rumbased cocktail - were dismissed on Friday after a CSFB

investigation into the group. The Swedish authorities said last week that the deals done by Mr Archer in the pulp company Stora were al-

the disciplinary committee. If the disciplinary committee

finds against CSFB, it will be the first time such an action has been brought by the Swedish authorities.

The investigation focuses on trades totalling around £700,000 carried out by Mr Archer at the end of last year.

most certain to be referred to

## CSFB may face disciplinary New Covent Garden soup kitchen plan

BY PAUL DURMAN

in earnings and returns on capital."

THE New Covent Garden Soup Company is planning to open a chain of 200 soup kitchens that is expected to add up to £2.5 million to the annual profits of S Daniels,

its quoted owner. The first of the new franchised soup bars, known simply as Soup, has just opened in Hammersmith, West London. When completed in about five years, the full chain is expected to add £12 million to £15 mil-

lion to Daniels' revenues. The New Covent Garden Soup Company, which sells its chilled soups through leading supermarkets, is the largest and best-known of the acquisitions made by Cyril Freedman and Michael Mills, who took control of Daniels about three years ago.

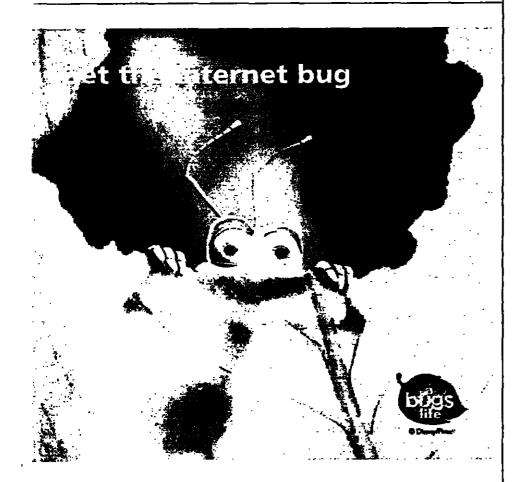
New Covent Garden lost market share last year in the face of increased ownlabel competition. Shares in Daniels have fallen heavily over the past nine months, which David Hallam, of Williams de Broe, blames

on unfavourable weather, recessionary fears and the poor performance of Marks pencer

Daniels is spending about £1.3 million this year promoting New Covent Garden through television advertising. It is hoped the Soup bars will also support

brand awareness. In a note just published.

Mr Hallam argues that much of the chilled food sector, which includes Terranova Foods, Geest and Hazlewood Foods, is significantly undervalued. He recommends buying Daniels, which on the Williams de Broe forecast of £6.3 million of pre-tax profits this year. is trading on less than nine times earnings.



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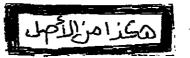


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## Bus industry to be investigated over rising prices

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A COMMONS investigation is to examine taxpayers' £700 million subsidy of bus services, amid evidence that contract costs are rising by more than live times the rate of inflation. A sharp rise in the prices charged by bus firms has raised fears among MPs that growing dominance by a small number of companies is forcing local authorities to buy

more expensive services. The investigation by the Commons Transport Select Committee will examine the tendering processes that have seen a marked fall in competition and a rise in contract prices. MPs will concentrate on the £290 million subsidy paid for

local bus services outside London, mostly in rural areas. Contracts in the capital will also be examined, alongside some £400 million in concessionary fare subsidies.

The industry blames the increases on soaring wage costs in the face of staff shortages together with improved services, but the Commons Transport Select Committee is to demand a full explanation for the sudden rise in costs.

Several local authorities say they are powerless to obtain the hest contract price for taxpayers because of a shortage of compet-ing tenders. The four biggest companies — Arriva, Stage-coach, Go-Ahead and FirstBus now have a stranglehold on the £3.2 billion bus industry after a spate of takeovers.

Research by the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers, representing local authority transport planners, has produced evidence of a sharp fall in tenders for many bus contracts. At the same time. English county councils last year saw a 16 per cent increase in the cost of reletting contracts, forcing the withdrawal of hundreds of services.

The inquiry, due to start

GUESS, the US fashion house

launching itself in London,

has shut its flagship Knights-

bridge store after less than two

It has bought the franchise

back from Christina Ong, the Singapore millionairess who

is withdrawing from the UK

after spending an estimated

£60 million opening designer

stores in London. The move

comes amid fears that Lon-

don's claim to be the most fash-

ionable city in Europe will be

weakened without the invest-

ment that the Ong family has

made over the past five years.



ISG, the AIM-quoted occupancy services specialist, is expected to reveal today that, at the halfway stage, it is well on the way to achieving forecasts of £3.75 million pre-tax profit for the full year. The company, which floated last July, will also announce its maiden interim dividend. David King, chairman and chief executive, is pictured at Hertford House, the home of the Wallace Collection in London's Manchester Square, which ISG is currently under contract to renovate.

### B&Q to create 2,500 jobs Goldman Sachs votes today on float scheme By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

By Caroline Merrell, banking correspondent

GOLDMAN SACHS will today vote on whether to float up to 15 per cent of the bank in a plan that could pay each of its 220 partners about \$100 million (£62.5 million).

The flotation plan is likely to value the bank at more than \$20 billion. All 11,000 employees are expected to benefit from the float. Partners may start cashing in their stakes in three to five years' time.

The original flotation plan was abandoned at the end of last year because of the sudden fall in worldwide stock prices, which cut the estimated value of the bank.

A flotation is now more likely to go ahead because all members of Goldman Sachs's 15-strong executive are believed to be in favour of it. Originally, it had been feared that a deal of this type would

change Goldman Sachs's unique culture.

The bank last week prepared staff for the change in culture with a series of corporate videos. Goldman has 2,500 staff in

Europe, most of whom work in London. Some 37 partners are based in London, including Gavyn Davies, chief economist, who could be in line for shares worth \$50 million.

## Catmark for Isas is at risk of falling flat

The Government's attempt to introduce a Carmark label for financial products looked to be at risk of falling flat yesterday as it was reported that only 3 per cent of individual savings accounts so far created will

Only 30 of the 1,000 Isas to be launched next month are believed to have adopted the Government's Catmark scheme. CAT stands for Cost, easy Access and decent Terms.

The Treasury would not comment on figures yesterday, but said: "We are aware of a good number of schemes that fall within the Cat standard."

For equity Isas, the Treasury is giving the Catmark only to low-cost unit trusts tracking UK stock market indices.

Canary options

Paul Reichmann, chairman of Canary Wharf, is to swap his ten-year management contract for a big share options scheme when the property company is floated. His present contract. lasting until 2005, conflicts with City codes. Mr Reich-mann will have options over £100 million of Canary Wharf shares, exercisable over seven years at well above the flotation price. A preliminary prospectus is due on Thursday.

#### Quicker payers

Britain's small and medium-sized companies have sped up their paying of bills, but still take an average of 46 days, a survey by Grant Thornton, the accountant, says. It found that their payment times had fallen by a week since 1993. The Germans pay in an average of 35 days, and Finns are swiftest. at 26. The Greeks take 87 days.

#### Red tape worry

Small companies' biggest wor-ry is government red tape rather than a worsening economy. according to research for Royal Bank Invoice Finance. Óf 300 surveyed, 63 per cent said red tape is a big concern.



Expansion strategy: B&Q directors George Bramhill, left, and Stephen Robertson swap roles to celebrate the anniversary

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### UP TO 2,500 jobs are to be cre- in Belfast and Newry. The new

ated across the UK in a further expansion of B&Q, a division

next month, coincides with

growing doubts within Gov-ernment over a £150 million

fund for new rural bus servic-

es. The scheme has been

criticised for forcing instant

decisions in setting up hun-dreds of new services, some of

which are likely to be aban-

The Confederation of Pas-

doned after only six months.

senger Transport, which repre-sents the bus industry, has

warned ministers of the dan-

gers caused by a scheme that was rushed though after the

last Budget. Veronica Palmer.

Director-general of the confederation, said: "We do have reservations about the speed

with which new rural services

have been set up. It has caused

problems because of the sud-

However, the confederation

defends increases in tender

prices, saying that investment

improvements in services.

den creation of new funds."

of the Kingfisher group.

The DIY retailer, which is already the market leader, has firm plans to open ten new. warehouse stores and three retail supercentres. The announcement was timed to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the first B&Q opening.

The development will also mark B&Q's first move into Northern Ireland, with the opening of warehouse stores

after Ong's withdrawal

By Fraser Nelson

ft store in Brompton Road as

soon as it took over the franch-

ise and will now trade from its

newer store in New Bond

Street. Guess runs its Europe-

an stores through Maco Ap-

parel, a joint venture with Fin-

gen, of Florence. It said: "We

wanted to concentrate Guess

in just one location, and the

New Bond Street store reflects

our image much better. They

were both profitable, it was

The Ong family is credited with rejuvenating New Bond

Street by investing in state-of-

just a matter of setting."

Halesowen in the West Midlands, Leicester, Liverpool, Northampton, Reading and York. The supercentres will be in Ashford, Cannock and Yeo-B&Q said it was keen to take

centres will be opened by the

end of this year, adding to the

287 stores already operated by

the retailer. Warehouses to

open will include Canterbury,

on older workers. In recent openings, about a quarter of

fashion empire in Asia.

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were thinking of selling, so the

Christina Ong and her hus-

band, Ong Beng Seng, stili

own Armani franchises in Lon-

don and Glasgow, and hotels.



The Guess style: moving on

GUESS

## Clothes shops face tough time, says consultant

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

ble among clothing retailers because of a combination of sluggish demand, a huge increase in selling space and an unwillingness to innovate among some of the bigger players.

Verdict, the retail consultancy, identifies the likely winners and losers in its latest report on the clothing market. It says the strugglers will include Marks & Spencer, which has been through a period of extremely poor trading and is restructuring its business, and Bhs, which will suffer because M&S has begun lowering its prices.

ards and Monsoon, none of which has enjoyed good trading in recent months, are also expected to continue to struggle. Potential losers include Mackays, which is up for sale. Laura Ashley and Etam. The wirmers, which have

good ranges and a confident approach, are identified as Oasis, Warehouse, Next, New Look, George at Asda, Gap, Debenhams and Matalan. Top Shop. Principles, Evans and Burton, all part of the Arcadia group, are also considered to be strong brands. But with such a large

House of Fraser, C&A, Rich - number of underperforming companies. Verdict believe that "the next 18 months will see intense pressure on many middle-market players, and weak share prices will create further buying opportunities."

The clothing market grew only I per cent to £27 billion last year and with floor space increasing by 2.5 per cent, underlying sales were down 1.5 per cent. A total of 28 million square feet of floor space is coming on stream in the next four years.

At the same time, the numbers of high-spending 20 to 24-year-olds is set to decline.

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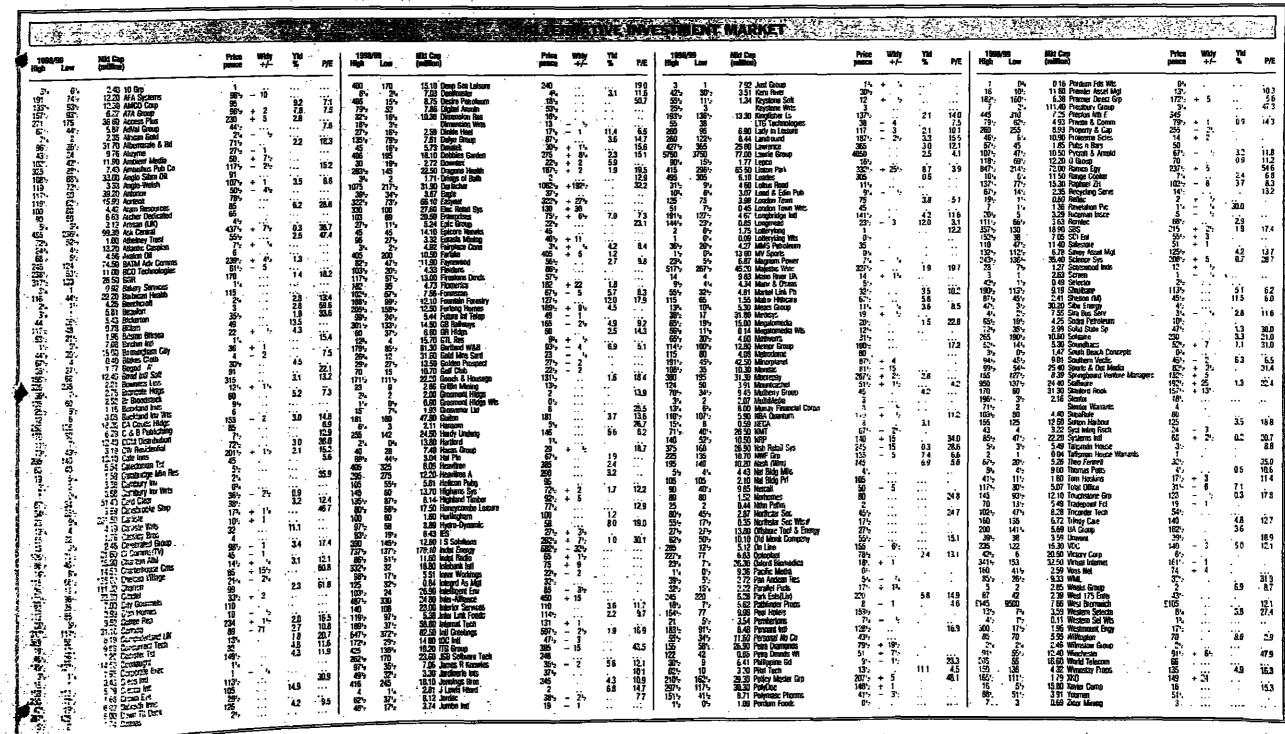
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## Budgets aren't what they used to be

ere we go again — the great Budget drama. Will he or won't he give such and such away? Will he raise this or cut that? I suspect that you, the reader. are no longer that much bothered. Budgets are not quite what they used to be. The interesting question is why not.

One answer is that it is all down to the personality of "Gordon the Prudent" or "The Iron Chancellor". He has taken all the fun out of it. I have no wish to deny Gordon Brown any personal credit but in my view the trend was already established under the far from boring Kenneth

It was Gordon Brown, though, who handed power over interest rates to the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) and at the same time tied himself up in fiscal rules which closely limited his room for manoeuvre. In the bad old days, base rates moved according to the political calendar. They usually fell during the Conservative Party conference in October and again during Budget week in March, sometimes having risen in between. In 1979, during the ascendan-Chancellor, then Sir Geoffrey Howe, even made a two-point increase in base rates the centrepiece of his Budget. (And,

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for disaster, says

John Redwood

t's official: there is an

American way of enterprise and it is better than

the European way. That

much has now been stated by

our own Prime Minister. In

his recent statements he has

told us that Europe needs to

follow the US's path of lower taxes, less regulation, a more

positive environment for busi-

ness. The trouble is that the

Budget and the euro scheme

we see before us point in exact-

strategy is not pulling us closer

to the US, it is taking us peril-

ously close to incorporation in

the European model. We see

day by day the Government

following an economic policy

The Labour Government's

ly the opposite direction.

by the way, he was known as "Mogadon Man".) Of course, the Budget is still

related to interest rate policy. The tighter the Budget, the more likely that the MPC will cut interest rates. Indeed, there have been suggestions (which I suspect are wrongheaded) that last week's decision to leave interest rates on hold was because the Budget, the broad shape of which was revealed to the MPC, is going to be distinctly stimulatory. The Chancellor will have substantial fiscal scope. He will be able to announce a large surplus — a much better result than he forecast last year. It is likely that this is in good measure due to the effects of self-assessment for income tax. Rather surprisingly. this appears to have led to greater tax compliance. In eco-

is that the fiscal stance has turned out to be tighter than intended — thus, arguably, justifying a big tax cul Even so, I think that a distinctly stimulatory Budget is unlikely. The Chancellor will be well aware that in the past. apparently good fiscal situations have had a way of turning sour. He should also have a main strategic consideration in mind. If he is serious about preparing Britain for euro membership then he should

designed to get us to converge with the Continent rather than

with the US. Taxes have gone

up, interest rates went up and

stayed up for many months,

the exchange rate was put up:

it was all a deliberate attempt

to slow the UK economy down and make it as sluggish in its

performance as the French

Government importing a large

number of rules and regula-

tions from the Continent that

all serve to make it dearer to do

business in Britain. We have

adopted a minimum wage

with few exemptions, working hours restrictions and invited

in whatever comes next from

the social chapter. The US has

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nomic terms, the implication



allow this partly inadvertent tightening of fiscal policy to make way for lower interest rates and a lower pound.

But why should we expect the Budget to be interesting and exciting? In which other country is the annual Budget regarded as a mixture of a dreaded meeting with a sort of super-bank manager and another episode of a muchwatched soap opera? Our traditional obsession with how many pence the Chancellor is going to add to the price of beer and cigarettes descends from the postwar austerity years when you were encouraged to think that any little pleasure was naughty. Interest in the macro questions is connected with the extraordinary rollercoaster of the British economy. At least until recently, the story has been of over-exuberant economic recoveries quickly having to be reversed. Budgets traced out

Britain should emulate

success the American way

giving money away one year and taking it back a few years There has also been a politi-

cal cycle at work. For most of the postwar period there has been a sharp difference of opinion between the parties about both the micro tax and expenditure issues and the macro questions of economic management. So the ebb and flow of the electoral cycle brought the opportunity and changes — which would be announced in the Budget. Moreover, the prevailing in-

tellectual orthodoxy support-ed fiscal activism at both the macro and micro level. If some problem of economic behaviour cropped up, this suggested a case for government intervention — either discouraging through tax impositions or encouraging through subsidies or tax breaks. The Byzantine structure of public expenditure and the complexity of our tax system are partly a legacy of this approach. But now things are radical-

ly different. The economy is not poised on a knife-edge even if we do experience a significant economic downturn bordering upon recession (which I still believe). Meanwhile, the difference between

phy has narrowed enormously. Furthermore, there has been a reaction against policy activism at both the macro and micro level.

Still, no Chancellor can resist the temptation to tinker a bit and there will doubtless be examples tomorrow. I expect that there will be various measures designed to boost spending on R&D, and something to help small firms. At the level of individual tax, politics, alas, is not quite dead. I suspect that the Chancellor will be unable to resist the lure of a 10p starting rate of tax, paid for by reduction or abolition of the 20p tax band. and further restriction, or even abolition, of tax allowances such as mortgage interest tax relief.

f this does prove to be about the size of it, I hope no one criticises the Chancellor for producing a boring Budget. It is a sign of both our economic success and our po-litical maturity if the annual act of announcing numbers for government revenues and expenditure ranks some way down the list of favourite entertainments. In seeking to encourage a culture of stability and medium-term planning the Chancellor deserves a good deal of the credit.

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

## Slow boat to disaster

BBC2, 8pm

A new series of the drama documentaries which reconstruct major events begins with the tragedy, ten years ago, when the 15-tonne dredger Bowbelle sheared into the superstructure of the Thames riverboat. The Marchioness, in the small hours of an August morning. Fifty-one passengers died even though more than 100 people managed to escape the sinking vessel. The average age of these partygoers was 25. With special effects worthy of Titanic we watch now, with the hindsight of two investigations, what appears to have happened. drunk captain, disco music which had drowned out radio signals, no proper warning lights on the larger vessel, restricted views from the bridges of both craft . . . the list goes on and on.

Kavanagh OC ITV. 9pm

Opening with a spectacular air crash, the returning series follows on sharpish with the pilot of the jet committing suicide. Scene settlers don't come more vivid than this. And it is a tribute to the script that the court examination of why the script that the court examination of why the aircraft crashed is almost as tense as the opener. It's certainly more intricate: here are plots within plots — sad little stories which date back to the Baader-Meinhof days. Exemplary performances all round with Amanda Ryan outstanding as a misguided latterday terrorist and Nicholas Jones supplying the gentle humour. John Thaw, of

Cutting Edge: Asylum

The subtitle cuts both ways - once Friern Barnet in North London was a notorious — indeed, looking at old film downright creepy — hospital, the largest mental institution in Europe with grounds five times the size of Buckingham Palace and a working farm (hence the term "funny farm"). It was an asylum for some 2,500 patients. Today it has changed beyond recognition —

John Thaw returns as the down-to-earth barrister Kavarlagh QC (ITV, 9pm)

though the vaulted corridors, sweeping grounds and Florentine belitower remain intact. It has been renamed Princess Park Manor and new residents are currently checking out its gorgeous apartments and peaceful gardens.

The Grimleys ITV, 10.30pm

Now here is an endearingly silly little series to be getting on with — although why this schoolboyish sittom isn't by day instead of by night is worth a ponder. Brian Conley plays an over-the-top bully boy games master named Digby at a council school in Dudley. He fancies the gorgeous English teacher (Armanda Holden) who is in turn fancied, achingly, by one of her more nerdish pupils. Gordon Grimley (James Bradshaw). Gordon, for reasons which escape me, is cast as Romeo in the school play and Doug "Dynamo" Digby is not best pleased. Like that other somewhat wobbly newcomer, Days Like These, the action takes place newcomer, Days Like These, the action takes place in the 1970s but it's none-the-worse for that. Nigel Planer and Slade's Noddy Holder are among the cast, though so far Planer has had nothing to do but drowse in front of the television. He's on strike

#### RADIO CHOICE Afternoon Play: The Girl From Aries

Radio 4, 2.15pm

The Pleasures of the Table Radio 4, 9.45am

The era of the television cook has tended to make The era of the television cook has tended to make the culture of cooking a visual art rather than the written one that it once was. So this series of readings from the writings of Elizabeth David, Patience Gray, Jane Grigson, Dorothy Hartley and M.F.K. Fisher is greatly to be welcomed. Today's reading is from David and begins with her return to England after the Second World War, somewhat constricted (at first) by rationing. But it seems not to have inhibited her cooking for long, thanks to friends and family arriving from all quarters with exotic food. These included "a sister who turned up from Vienna with a hare, which she claimed had beeen caught by hand outside the opera house."

RADIO 1 (BBC)

5.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Jo Whiley 2.00 Mark Radulffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Lamacq Live. Featuring Orbital, and a feature on the Manic Street Preachers' album Everything Must Go 12.00am The Breezeblock 2.00 Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00pm Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Jools Holland (§13) 9.30 Mark Lamarr: Shales, Ratife and Roll (7/10) 10.30 Richard Alinson 12.00em Lynn Parsons 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbel 5.00am Monthing reports over creament state many constants. Live from Berwick-upon-Tweed, in the run up to devolution for Scotland and Wales 12.00pm The Middley News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Trevor Brooking's Monday Match. Greenock Morton v Celtic in the Tennent frontmen and Cettic supporter Jim Ken talks about his favourite players 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am The Big Boys Breekfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Sally James 12.00pm Lat's Talk Soap 1.00 Anna Resoum 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.00 Under the Posts 8.00 James Whele 1.00am Ian Collins

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6.30em Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 Merk Forrest 1.00em James Mertit 4.30 Richard Allen

**BBC WORLD SERVICE** 5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Woman

There is an unusual aspect to L'Arlesienne de Alphonse Daudet's play of which this is a translation, in that many more people will recognise the accompanying music, which was written by Bizet, than are likely to have heard the play itself. Michael Robson's adaptation features extracts from the stirring and melodic musical score. The play itself is an intriguing and salurary tale set in 1862. It is essentially a story of the improvited love

1862. It is essentially a story of the unrequited love of a young man, brought up by his mother and grandfather after the death of his father, for a girl from the town of Aries. It seems a perfect match, but what will be the consequences of the

intervention of another young man, claiming that the girl is "no better than a slut"? Peter Barnard

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Woman Thing 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Record Naws 8.20 Off the Shell: Letters From My Windmil 8.35 Health Matters 9.00 World News 9.06 Westway Access 9.20 The Vintage Charl Show 9.50 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 H.M. the Oueen's Message To the Commonwealth 10.35 Britain Today 10.45 The Faming World 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Fick of the World 12.00pm World News 12.05 Outlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Health Matters 2.30 Mendelland 3.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Commonwealth Day Observance 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.30 Multifack, Sports Round-Up 6.00 World News 6.15 H.M. the Queen's Message To the Commonwealth 6.20 Britain Today 6.30 Warm World 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Nations 7.30 Clouded Hils 7.45 Off the Shell: Letters From My Windmill 6.00 Newshour World 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Couded Hills 7.45 Off the Sheff: Leitlers From My Windmill 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 9.05 World Business Report 9.20 Entain Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 World News 10.15 Sports Round-Up 10.30 Multitrack: Hit-List 11.00 World News 11.05 Cuttook 11.45 Insight 12.00ams The World Today 12.30 Health Matters 12.55 My Century 1.00 The World Today 2.30 Warm World 3.00 The World Today 3.20 Sports Round-Lib 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Beiley's Easier Breakfast. Favounte musical works, plus regular information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Half of Fame Hour and CD of the Week 12,00pm Lunchtime Requests 2.00 Concerto. J.S. Bach (Concerto for 2 violins in D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. John Brunning presents the latest stories 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of soothing sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Elgar (Enigma Vanabons); Stellus (Violin Concerto in D minor, Symphony No 5 in E flat major); Grainger (Country Gerdens) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Concerto. J.S. Bach (Concerto for 2 violins in D minor) (ri 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

6.00em On Air Petroc Trelawny reviews the first concert of Towards the Millernium — The 1980s, conducted this weekend by Simon Ratite
9.00 Mesterworks with Peter Hobday, Stravinsky (Fireworks); Schickhardt, after Corelli (Sonata in F); Haydn (Symphony No 94 in 6, Surprise); Brahms (Missa canonica, Sanctus): Stravinsky (The Firebird, 1910 version)
10.30 Artist of the Week Joan Bakewell talks to the Korean violinist Kyung-Wha Chung
11.00 Sound Stories: Indian Summers Donald Medeod explores the work of Heinrich Schutz
12.00pm Composer of the Week: Ersderick Delius
1.00 The Radio 3 Luanchtime Concert Live from the Wigmore Hall, London, Cacile Ousset, plano
2.00 The BBC Orchestras 88C Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Osmo Vanska
4.00 Opera in Action Riobert Lloyd reflects on the ways in which opera in America differs from essewhere
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5.00 in Turie with Sean Rafferty

7.30 Performance on 3 Humphrey Carpenter Introduces a concert given last Saturday in the Royal Festival Haff as part of the Towards the Millernium festival. John Williams, guitar, City of Pirmincham Symothory Chorus and Orchestra

Birmingham Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Simon Rattle. Lutoslawski (Symphony No

3): Takemitsu (To the Edge of Dreams; Vers l'arc-en-ciel, Palma); John Adams (Harmonium) 9.20 Postsoript: Radio Poems — Luilaby of Broadway by George Szirtes. For the third year running, Radio 3 has commissioned five of poets, to write a new poem for radio 9.40 Beach (Fantasia and Fugue in A minor, BWV904); Bob van Asperen, harpsichord 10.00 Volces in the first of two programmes, lain Burnside trawis through 75 years of recordings of Schubert songs

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11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton talks to the drummer Allan Ganley
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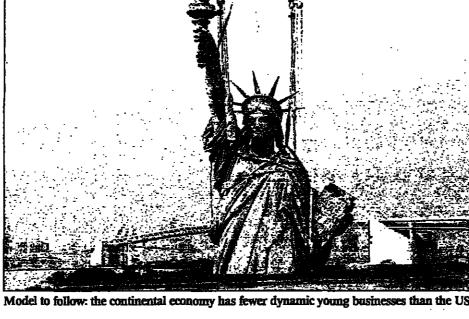
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many exemptions in its low minimum wage and fewer rules on other things.

The costs of Britain's policy are already becoming prodigious. Over the past four years the US has grown by 4.5 per cent more than Germany. The UK was closer to the US performance than to the German. but was slowing almost to a standstill. In a couple of years the UK is likely to lose 5 per cent of national income compared with the position if it was keeping pace with the American way. That means that every adult in the country will be worse off by £1,000 of income each than if we had

Some years ago all the politi-cal parties and the business leaders of Britain thought the exchange-rate mechanism would bring us prosperity. They talked of a golden scenario. Disaster struck, companies floundered, many jobs were lost and business was mightily relieved when the experiment ended. Now some of those same people want us to try again, this time converging with euroland and then surrendering our separate currency. They admire Gordon Brown's budgetmanship designed to

followed the US model.

We can already see the cost.

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Day after day factories close That's money that cannot be and jobs are lost in manufacturing industry. The textile, steel and engineering heartlands are in sharp retreat. The gap between what we make and earn and what the US makes and

earns gets ever wider. The Government parrots the slogan that it is abolishing boom and bust. Industrialists would say that all it has done is brought on an earlier and deeper bust than it need have. Is industry never to recover? It is in recession now: what else can the Government's sil-

ly slogan mean? The continental economy finds it difficult to create jobs. It has a much smaller population of enterprising and dynamic young businesses than the US. Success is often penalised by the taxman or throttled by the regulator. There are

much higher taxes on income,

on savings, on capital gains and on investment. Gordon Brown's Budgets have hit business hard, taking £25 billion out of their cashflow over the lifetime of this Parliament through higher taxes. That's money which otherwise would have been available to spend on jobs and new investment. The Government has im-

**WORD-WATCHING** 

(c) The concluding portion of the Vedas, the early religious writ-

ings of the Hindus. A hundred and eight in number, they are the

foundation of most Indian thought. They are intuitive rather

than logical in form, but exhibit a vivid sense of spiritual reality.

(b) A scale marked on a globe in order to show the daily declina-

tion of the Sun. This enables the reader to determine those parai-

lels where the Sun is directly overhead at any specific time of

(a) A stone that has been shaped by the wind, especially in arid

and polar areas. Abrasion may be achieved by sand, dust or snow. The stones become shaped, and have various surface textures, polished, pitted or fluted. They are of use in indicating past

(c) A mark in the form of a bird set on a mast as a target for arch-

ers to knock down with blunt arrows. The sport was never popu-

lar in Britain. But it figured as an event in the 1900 Paris Olym-

pics, and at Antwerp in 1920. Twenty arrows were shot at a 31-me-

tre mast. Safety required arrows of at least three-quarters of an

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posed another £15 billion of extra costs from all its regulations.

saying it the American way.

The Opposition says to the Chancellor, throw away that Budget script, forget about the need to converge, really do it the US way. Then we could have lower unemployment, more businesses and more success.

John Redwood is Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and In-

**CHANGE ON WEEK** 

spent on creating jobs.

The Government has decid-

ed that sacrificing industry is a price worth paying to get us to converge with Europe. The

DTI has said in its Competi-

tiveness White Paper that Brit-

ain should switch from indus-

try to high-tech and services.

row's Budget I expect more of

the same. Stealth taxes on business, a strategy designed to

make us go at Europe's pace,

not the US's, laced with the harsh rhetoric of a trade war

with the world's number one

economic superpower. It is not

an attractive cocktail. It is bad for business. It means we are go-

ing to get a lot more than £1,000

a year poorer as a result of do-

ing it the European way, while

The policy is cer-

tainly forcing de-industrialisation on

the UK. In tomor-

**US Dollar** 1.6098 (+0.0085)

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3767.8 (+7.5) FTSE 100 6205.5 (+30.4) **New York Dow Jones** 9736.08 (+429.50) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 14894.00 (+526.46)

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5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today With Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie
9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted
by Jeremy Pagman
9.45 (FM) Serial: The Pleasures of the Table
Maureen O'Brien reads from Elizabeth David in
the first of five celebrations of food and wine. See
Choice (1/5)

the first of five celebrations of lood and wine. See Choice (1/5)

9.45 (LW) Delly Service From Liverpool Cathedral. Director of music lan Tracey

10.00 Woman's Hour with Martina Keamey and guests

11.00 Tuning into Children Kirsty Wark looks at how children become articulate and illerate (4/5)

11.30 King of Bath Comedy by Arnold Evans. Nash reveals his Welsh roots. With Devid Bamber, Erry Thomas, Andrew Wincott and Peter Gunn (3/6)

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00pm (FM) News 12.04 You and Yours Consumer news and stories, with Liz Barciay and John Waite 1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarice 1.30 Counterpoint Second semi-final of the general knowledge music quiz, hosted by Ned Shertin 2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (f) 2.15 Afternoon Play: The Gart from Arles Michael Robson's adeptation of Alphonse Deudet's meiodrana L'Arlestenne. With John Woodvine, Mary Wimbush and Frances Jeater. See Choice 3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444 Vincent Duggleby takes listeners' calls on financial issues 3.30 Shorelines insight nto a range of British coastal communities, beginning with Studand Bay (f) 3.45 This Sceptred isle Arma Massey nametes part 46 of the history of Britain (r) 4.00 The Food Programme Joenna Blythman investigates health concerns surrounding the use of antibiotics in intensive chicken farming (f)

4.30 Turning World Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest stories from around the world 5.00 PM with Keyn Bocquet and Nigel Wrench 6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute Jenny Eclair, Stephen Frost. Peter Jones and Tim Rice by to speak for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation at the Com Exchange, Brighton. With Nicholas Parsons 7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Row Arts review, with Mark Lawson 7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Environmental drama by Tim Jackson, sterning Rachel Atlans and tan Papperell. Broadcast earlier as part of Woman's Hour (16/30) (r)
8.00 Silent Sentance Peter White Investigates the repercussions of crimes committed by one family member against another. Last in senes (3/3)

member against another. Last in series (3/3)

8-30 Analysis Frances Caimcross examines how rates
of pay are determined and the true value of

of pay are determined and the true value of workers to employers and society as large 9.00 Nature Mark Carwardine investigates Florida's manatees, focusing on fossil evidence emerging in Jamaica of their links with the whate family 9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r) 10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Emest Hemingway Centenary — The Sun Also Rises John Shartan reads part six of Hemingway's acclaimed novel 11.00 Fear on 4: Chimes at Michight — Prepare to be Scared? By Nick Fisher. A physicist lands himself in deep trouble. David Suchet and John Rowe star (r)

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11.30 (FW) Airs of England Tony Engle extols the writies of Victorian English folk music (4/4) (r)

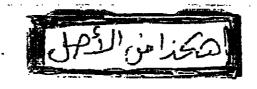
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political news

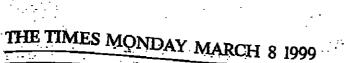
12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: Golf Dreams

Inha Livelies receils a lifetime's chassesion (r) John Updike recalls a tretime's obsession (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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## A primitive challenge for the TV masses he riotously popular Who Wants To Be A Millionwhich is watching a thicko get lots

aire? (ITV, Friday) is back for a new series. Who Wants To Watch People Failing To Get Anywhere Near Being A Millionaire?" would seem a more appropriate title. This is, in every respect, a deeply primitive programme.
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haven't seen it, is that the allpurpose celebrity presenter Chris Tarrant asks the contestants a series of multiple-choice general knowledge questions and if they get them right they win increasing sums of money. There are one or two fussy complications. The money goes up in levels, and if they get an answer wrong their winnings drop back to the last level. They get three "lifelines". They can ring a friend for help once, have the possible answers reduced from four to two once, and ask the audience to tell them the answer once. But these are merely diverting

of money for answering easy questions. I don't know why this should be entertaining, but it is.

Some readers may find the word "hicko" unkind, arrogant, elitist even. Not, I suspect those who have seen the show, though. This is Lowest Common Denominator television and the questions are carefully pitched so that they will not alienate the target audience. Viewer identification is crucial, and some of them probably have difficulty research. difficulty remembering the way to their front door. For them naming the capital of Finland is as challenging as quantum physics. Fearful, no doubt, that more alert viewers might get scornful, Tarrant keeps reminding us that "It's only easy if you know the answer. Some of the questions are only easy if you haven't spent your life in a catatonic trance. It is depressing that in a country so obsessed

with trivia quizzes, the level of gen-eral knowledge is so low.

Tarrant's main job, of course, is to maintain the tension. The contestants are understandably nervous; their answers stiff and fumbling, betraying little hint of personality. Tarrant keeps things bubbling along with his jocular teasing, but he is also very adept at manipulating the situation.

n the earliest questions he laughs at the more absurd possible answers, thus indicating to the numb-nut on the Clapham omnibus that they might

be wrong.

But he also uses subtler variations of tone and body language to help them through.

It would spoil the fun if Dave from Bedfordshire fell at the first

hurdle because he didn't know that emulsion, primer and undercoat are all coat are all types of paint. Tarrant's next trick is to look conREVIEW



Paul Hoggart

cerned and ask the contestants if they are happy with their answer. Normally this is code for "Wrong. Try again." But on another occasion he used it on Paul, a goateebearded former DJ from Reading, when he had correctly named HMS Victory as Nelson's flagship. Paul looked worried and wasted

a "lifeline" checking with the audience. I suspect Tarrant pulled this mean trick out of sheer boredom.

The show rambles on for the rest of the week. Maybe someone will pass through the genuinely difficult questions and win that million, but, hey, who cares?

The ITV companies may be responsible for the direst output of factual programming in living memory, but when it comes to comfy middlebrow drama they are still delivering the goods. Making bland television tasty is a harder trick than it looks. You need that secret blend of herbs and spices, or the junk food tastes stale and clammy. Actually the main ingredient in the success of A Touch Of Frost (ITV. Sunday) is short, balding and crabbily avuncular.

David Jason is constantly winning television popularity contests for the simple reason that he can make almost any character likeable. I always like to see him at awards ceremonies. With his hair washed and fluffed up he resembles a big silvery fur-ball. As detecly, a bit of a scruff, a sort of provin-cial English Columbo, in a "Man at C & A"-style anorak. But that just adds to the charm.

further secret ingredient must be the show's gentle A must be use show a game pace. The plots can be complex, not to say convoluted. Last night's tangled web involved a gay hospital porter with more aliases than someone with several aliases, a mysterious corpse, a burglary and the theft of a genuine Hockney. But there is none of the frantic urgency deemed essential in other cop shows, and events unfold at the sedate speed of a Sunday afternoon stroll, enlivened by a stream of nicely underplayed jokes. In an inversion of the "suspended cop" plot, Frost is forced to withdraw his resignation after the traumatic events which ended the last series. in order to clear up the mess left by his appalling record-keeping.

Malcolm Bradbury's adaptation, which caught the eccentricities of the characters beautifully, while steering defily through the twists and turns of the plot. For a former Professor of Literature whose creative writing course produced some of our finest contemporary novelists. Bradbury is certainly not afraid to use cliches, though, I bet he didn't teach Rose Tremain and Kazuo Ishiguro to use phrases like "answers on a postcard please" and "chop, chop". The BBC, on the other hand, pre-

fers gritty realism. It is remarkable that in the past year it produced two new police series of such quality as Cops and City Central (BBCl, Saturday), which returned last week. Like Frost, City Central is restrained and slow, but it is punctuated by moments of shocking violence, a man thrown from a window for instance, which invest the calm with chilling menace.

#### 330; 6.00am Business Breakfast (67408) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (52243) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (2753243) 9.45 Wipeout (8404668) 10.10 The Vanessa Show (T) (7642682)

10.55 News; Weather (T) (3202069) 11.00 Change That (3212446) 11.25 Can't Cook, Worr't Cook (1) (3282205) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (7160243) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (74576) 12.30 Top Tip Challenge (r) (4736601) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (53870601) 1.00 One O'Clock News (7) (55330)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (59709576) 1.40 Neighbours (7) (35849934) 2.05 Ironside (r) (5060779) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (8564494) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6608576) 3.45 Pocket Dragon (5251427) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9981359) 4.10 Anthony Ant (6126953) 4.20 The Littlest Pet Shop (6979175) 4.35 Misery Guts (3280779) 5.00 Newsround (4945205)

5.10 Blue Peter (9632392) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (806576) 6.00 Six O'Clock News, Weather (T) (595) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (175)

7.00 A Question of Sport A football managers special with guests Peter Reid, Bryan Robson, Steve Bruce and David O'Leary (1) (2412)

-7.39 Watchdog Healthcheck A report from California on a new drug that is helping O'Leary (1) (2412) hundreds to give up smoking (T) (359)

8.00 EastEnders Louise promises never to leave again (1) (6392) 8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Sitcom with Caroline Aheme (3/6) (T) (5427) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

Weather (1) (3663) 9.30 Animal Police Tony struggles to keep a horse on its leet until a vet arrives (12224) 10.00 Panorama Concerns about the increas ingly young age at which teenagers have their first sexual experiences (1) (654595)

10.45 Bibly Connolly's World Tour of Australia Bibly explores Sydney and Newcastle (1) (1) (882576)

11.25 Harbour Lights (r) (1) (329717)



Romantic comedy with Nastassia Kinski and Dudley Moore (12.15am)

12.15am Unfaithfully Yours (1983) conductor plans revenge on his wife, who he suspects is having an affair. With Dudley Moore and Nastassja Kinski.

Directed by Howard Zeiff (1) (583793) .45 Weather (1574977) 1.50 BBC News 24 (22657921)

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World Tour of Australia (1) (1) (691445) 11.55
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News (1) (9879644) 2.25 News 24 (58854712)

7.00am CBBC Breakfast Show: Pingu (7671224) 7.05 Telatubbles (7184804) 7.30 Snorks (8533137) 7.50 Blue Peter (3641408) 8.20 Taz Maria (5239786) 8.40 Polica Dot Shorts (1287446) 8.50 Romald the Reindeer (1276330) 9.00 Space Ark (7805446) 9.10 Short Circuit (4520021) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (8926427) 9.45 Storytime (8914682) 10.00 Teletubbles (27069) 10.30 Words and Pictures (9466156) 10.45 Cats Eyes (9454311) 11.00 Look and Read (3482156) 11.20 Zig Zag (3339156) 11.40 Landmarks (6710197) 12.00pm Job Bank (4243205) 12.10 History File (5415934) 12.30 Working Lunch (23330) 1.00 Romuald the Reindeer (86106576) 1.10 Wair Wallos Waterloo (i) (1) (41937972) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History Adam Hart-Davis

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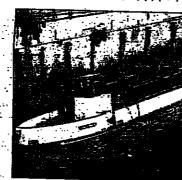
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4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6345088) 4.55 Esther Women in uniform (T) (5320069) 5.30 Today's the Day (F) (224) 6.00 HR, Miss or Maybe Zoe Ball and guests review three pop videos (i) (I) (137224)
6.15 The Simpsons Homer is sent back to

college (1) (770953) 6.40 The Ren and Stimpy Show (r) (643595)

7.00 Internal Attairs New series: Insight into the work of British Phonographic Industry agents policing the trade against lilegal counterfeiting operators (1) (8514).

7.30 Rough Guide to the World Edith Counterfeiting operators (1) (8514). Bowman and Dimitri Doganis explore the scenery of New Zealand (3/6) (T) (601)



The wreck of The Marchioness revealed at low tide (8pm)

8.00 Disaster New series. Reconstructions of the sinking of the pleasure boat Marchioness (T) (4934) 8.30 Food and Drink Aritory Worral Thomposon celebrates British beef (1) (3069) 9.60 Births, Marriages and Deaths Terry finds consolation with Alex (1) (577446)

9.55 Five Go Mad in the Kitchen Celebrities demonstrate recipes (7) (801798) 10.00 If I Ruled the World (89525) 10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark (T) (531330) 11.15 Tribe Young women who have decided

to convert to Islam (1) (172750) 11:45 Bitesize Britain (1) (449088) 11.55 Weather (879330)

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12.30 BBC, Learning Zone: Open University:
Persisting Dreams 1.30 Off with the
Mask: TV in the 1960s 2.00 Schools: Science 4.00 Languages: Talk Spanish, 1-4 5.00 Business and Training: Skills for -Work 5.45 Open University: Marten Van Heemskerck 6.10. Humanity and the Scaffold 6.35 A University Without Walls

HTV5.30am ITV Morning News (31458) 6.00 GMTV (5917601) 9.25 Trisha (T) (8149330)

10.30 This Morning (T) (44761224) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather (4259866) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (T) (4738069) 12.55 Shortland Street Rachel loses out to an old rival (9165779)

1.30 Home and Away Geraldine lets her mask drop (T) (35878446) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (T) (8331250)

2.40 Wheel of Fortune (I) (2164458) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (4993663) 3.15 HTV News (4992934)

3.20 CITV: Mopatop's Shop (4913427) 3.30 Kipper (9966040) 3.40 Captain Pugwash (9953576) 3.55 Oggy and the Cockroaches (5242779) 4.05 tt's a Mystery (6338798) 4.30 Polteguests (798)

5.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (2576)
5.30 WEST: Garden Calendar Horicultural tips courtesy of gardening experts Alan and Felicity Down (750) 5.30 WALES: House to House New series. Home makeovers in Abertan (750)

5.58 HTV Weather (491934) 6.00 HTV News (T) (683) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (243) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Anthea Turner

explores Namibia and Judith Chalmers returns to St Tropez (T) (5040) 7.30 Coronation Street lan begs Sharon for another chance (1) (427) 8.00 Who Wants To Be a Millionaire

Ultimate big-prize game show (1) (1088) 8.30 Cop Shop New fly-on-the-wall documentary series charting the day-to-day dramas at Gosport police station in Hampshire (1/8) (1) (7345) 9.00 Kevanagh QC New series. John Thaw returns as the

resourceful barrister (1/4) (1) (9088)



A new sitcom set in a 1970s council school (10.30pm

10.30 The Grimleys New sitcom set in the 1970s (1/8) (1) (79021) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (1) (304156) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (725507) 11.30 Fitz Part one. A series of apparently racial murders cause headaches for the police as the body-count mounts and

tensions in the office reach boiling point. Robert Pastorelli stars (T) (43953) 12.30am Football Extra Football League highlights (63460)

1.30 World Football (r) (24660) 2.00 Dr Phibes Rises Again (1972)
Distigured genius Dr Phibes returns from the grave to search for an elixir of life. Tongue-in-cheek horror sequel, staming Vincent Price and Robert Quarry. Directed by Robert Fuest (712847)

3.35 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (2929199) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of ITV programmes (46784064) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (20606)

CENTRAL As HTV West except.

12.20-12.30pm Central News (7497934) 12.55 Home and Away (4746088) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4301682) 2.10-2.40 High Road (56640330)

3.15-3.20 Central News (4992934) 5.30 Shortland Street (750) 5.59 Travel Update (491934) 6.00-6.30 Central News at Six (663)

11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (725507) 4.30am Central Jobfinder '99 (4745731) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3544118)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except. \*

12.15-12.27pm Westcountry News; Weather (4259866) 12.27-12.30 Small Talk, Big Talk (7405953)

12.55-1.25 Westcountry Lunchtime Live; Weather (4746088) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4301682) 2.10-2.40 Home and Away (56640330) 3.15-3.20 Westcountry News, Weather

(4992934) 4.58-5.00 Birthday People (7008885) 5.30 Animal SOS (750) 6.00 Westcountry Live; Weather (663)

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As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News; Weather (4259866) 5.30 Country Ways (1) (750) 6.00-6.30 Meridian Tonight (1) (663) 7.29-7.30 Meridian Weather (154311) 11.20 Meridian News; Weather (1) (732040) 11.35-12.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (968430) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (1) (20606)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except. 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (7416069) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (7497934) 5.30-5.35 Take it On (412427) 5.35-6.00 Anglia News Monday Extra; Weather (T) (824972) 6.00-6.30 Anglia News (T) (663) 11.19 Anglia Air Watch (439576) 11.20-11.30 Anglia News and Weather (1) (725507) mer (1) (725507)

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Tellons 4.5 5.55am Sesame Street (4481798)

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Tat (3320408) 11.15 The Mix (3343359) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (r) (T) (7866) 12.00pm Sesame Street (T) (90514) 12.30 Bewitched (r) (T) (25798) 1.00 Pet Rescue (T) (48040)

1.30 Son for Sail Short him about a spoilt brat who gets his corneuppance (35876088) 1.55 Rotten to the Core (1965) A gang of ex-convicts led by Anton Rodgers plan to steal an army payroll. British comedy with James Beckett and Enc Sykes. Directed

by John Boulting (1) (75468514) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (791) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (156) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3207446)

4.55 Montel Williams (T) (5315137) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (392) 6.00 Roseanne (r) (T) (205)

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Robert Zwigger (left) tries to over-come his phobla of reptiles (8pm)

8.00 To the Ends of the Earth The rap artist and hearse-driver Robert Twigger sets out to claim \$50,000 offered by the Bronx Zoo for anyone who can provide them with a 30ft snake (3/6) (T) (4021)

9.00 CHOICE Cutting Edge Reflections on the redevelopment of Frem

Barnet Hospital (T) (4885) 10.00 Wes Craven's New Nightmare (1994) Premiere Unusual twist on the Freddy krueger theme, as the Nightmare on Elm Street actors Robert Englund and Heather Langenkamp discover that the fictional killer has come to life. Directed by Wes Craven (64870243)

12.05am Access All Areas The fight to allow a Belfast teenager with Down's syndrome to attend a mainstream school after two years spent at home (T) (9008267) 12.40 An Angel at My Table (1990) Biopic of

the New Zealand novelist and poet Janet Frame, who had schizophrenia wrongly diagnosed and spent eight years in a mental hospital With Kerry Fox. Directed by Jane Campion (T) (66690606) 3.25 Powerhouse Pointical update (r) (T)

3.35 Right to Reply Viewers' comments (r) (93046538)

3.55 Stroke Short film about a keen swimmer (r) (73558996) 4.00 Schools: All About Us (72606)

6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport and business (5701066)

investigates the Italian university system (r) (T) (8198359) 7.30 Milkshake! (2613885)

7.00 WideWorld Part 12. Paul Cola

7.35 Wimzie's House (r), 5 News Update (4692514) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2815137)

8.30 Deppledown Farm (r): 5 News Update 9.00 Was it Good for You? Holiday reports (r) (6787705)

9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4474156) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (1138935) 10.20 Sunset Beach Does Ben still love Maria? (T) (3661798) 11.10 Leeza (r) (2367327)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2818224) 12.30 Family Affairs Gabby learns of Chye's short-lived affair (r) (T); 5 News Update (1296446) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Clarke

ditches his designs (T) (8180330) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment show (r); 5 News Update (1295717) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9174446)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, 5 News Update (1772934) 3.30 Shootdown (TVM 1988) A woman sets
out to investigate a hushed-up aeroplane
disaster in which her son was killed.
True-life drama, starring Angela
Lansbury, Directed by Michael Pressman
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(T) (8693971)

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(2418427) 6.30 Family Affairs Pete threatens Claire (T) (2409779)

7.00 5 News; Weather Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stones (T) (9145934)
7.30 Natural Passions A report on Donald Perry's revolutionary system for exploring the canopies of rainforests (T). 5 News

8.00 Instant Gardens The team visit Burbage in Leicestershire to create a minimalist Pickard (5/14) (T) (9154682)

8.30 Animal ER A border collie miured by a train and a toal needing a hernia operation (4/6) (T): 5 News Update

9.00 Mary Higgins-Clark's Remember Me
(TVM 1995) A couple attempting to
patch up their crumbling marriage
following the death of their young son decide to take a seaside trip — little realising the horrors awaiting them at their supposedly idyllic destination.
Psychological thriller, staming Kelly McGillis, Cooper Smith and Stephen McHarris Directed by Klichael Switzer

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6.00am Within These Walls 7.00 Holding the Fort 7.30 Doctor at Large 8.00 fielletuch 8.30 The Many Wives at Patrick 9.00 Classic Coronation Street 9.30 Environmentals Farm 10.00 Upstains. Downstains 11.00 The Gentle Touch 12.00pm Classic Coronation Street 12.30 Environmentals Farm 1.00 The Many Wives of Patrick 1.30 Ms and My Git 2.00 Uncolored.

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The Little Mermaid 3.30 Art Attack 4.00 101 Detractions 4.30 Herculer: Tho TV Show 5.00 Recess 6.15 Pepper Ann 5.30 Smarl Guy 8.00 Tean Angel 8.30 Boy Meets World 7.00 FR.M: The Brave Little Toester Goes to Merm (1997) 8.15 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids 8.00 Double Drocauts 10.00 Home Improvement 10.30 Years 11.00 Touched By An Angel 12.00am Close

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# BUSINESS

Roger Bootle asks where the fun is



**BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft** 

**MONDAY MARCH 8 1999** 

## Private hospitals urged to pass on £100m VAT windfall.

By Marianne Curphey INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MEDICAL insurers are threatening legal action to force private hospitals to pass on a £100 million VAT windfall they are enjoying as a result of a court victory against Customs and Excise.

Private hospitals began reclaiming VAT after winning a landmark legal bat-tle which allowed them to recover from Customs the VAT paid on drugs and some surgical appliances used in treat-

BUPA, which controls one of the largest

try, has already added almost £30 million to its balance sheet as a result of re-

Now medical insurers who sent their customers to private hospitals believe that since it was they who paid the final bill for treatment, the VAT refund should be passed on to them.

Paul Saper, healthcare analyst with Laing & Buisson, estimated the total VAT windfall due to private hospitals could be as high as £100 million, of which a signifi-cant proportion might be due to medical insurers. Among the medical insurers cur-

network of private hospitals in the country, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £40 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, has already added almost £40 million rently negotiating for repayments are try, and the following try, and the and interest payments from private hospitals. He said: "Some of the £30 million Prime Health declined to say how much it had recovered so far but said it was "still that BUPA has already received from Cusactively pursuing a positive resolution" in toms and Excise should have been passed negotiations with hospital networks. A on to us. The big hospital groups appear, however, to be extremely reluctant to cospokeswoman for the company said: Looking after our customers' interests operate. We are currently in negotiations and negotiating the keenest prices for them are of paramount importance and, as such, discussions are continuing with but if we do not secure a proper settlement

various hospital groups regarding previ-

ous incorrect charging of VAT in certain ar-

Julian Stainton, managing director of

eas. Some monies have been recovered."

we will contemplate taking legal action to recover this money." A spokesman for PPP healthcare said:
"Where hospitals have recovered VAT we
are working with them to identify and re-

cover the amount of money due to us as a medical insurance company."

BUPA, which is due to report its results next month, said the £30 million included in last year's results was "a one-off payment" which was unlikely to be repeated. The VAT refund related to the period between 1979 and 1996.

A spokesman for the company, which owns 36 private hospitals and has 1,900 hospital beds, said the reclaimed VAT was "ploughed back into the business to improve the facilities in our hospitals".

The ruling by the Court of Appeal two years ago was the culmination of a five-

year struggle. The case was brought in 1992 by a group of private health compa-nies to contest a Customs and Excise niling that private hospitals could not re-claim VAT on purchases of medical supplies. The issue hinged on whether pharmaceuticals and some surgical devices. and prosthetics, such as pacemakers or hip replacements, should be regarded as zero-rated or exempt for VAT purposes.

A spokeswoman for Customs and Excise said after the ruling, which came into force early last year, that certain drugs, medicines and applicances used in hospitals were now zero-rated for VAT.

## UB chief to call the tune at EMI

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

IN ONE of the most surprising boardroom shake-ups of recent years. Eric Nicoli. chief executive of United Biscuits, the struggling McVi-ties and KP group, is to suc-ceed Sir Colin Southgate as executive chairman of EMI, the international music and recording group.

EMI, which has previously been criticised over boardroom benefits, is to pay Sir Col-in £800.000 in lieu of the final year of his contract, although he is leaving as planned. Mr Nicoli has been a non-ex-

ecutive director of EMI since 1993. He will become chairman designate at the beginning of May and take over formally as chairman when Sir Colin retires at the end of July.

UB announced yesterday that 48-year-old Mr Nicoli, who has been chief executive there since 1991, will be succeeded by Leslie Van Walle, a is currently chief executive of the key McVitie's Group. Colin Short, UB's non-executive chairman, will also step down

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Nicoli: takes over in July

in May. He will be replaced by Sir Gordon Hourston, 64, a non-executive director, formerly of Boots the Chemist.

As part of the changes at EMI, Sir Dominic Cadbury, another non-executive director, will become become joint deputy chairman and the sen-

ior non-executive from July, in succession to Sir Peter The global search for a successor to Sir Colin, who has been EMI chairman since 1989 and who is also chairman

> on biscuit margins from supermarket own brands.

> > During his years in charge Sir Colin has presided over the radical restructuring of Thorn EMI, including the disposal of more than 100 businesses, culminating in the demerger of



of the Royal Opera House, has led to uncertainty at the music group. In choosing Mr Nicoli the board has opted for general business skills rather than a music industry figure. Ken Berry and Martin Band-

ier will remain chief executives of the two EMI businesses -Recorded Music and Publishing. They will report to Mr Nicoli, as will Simon Duffy. joint deputy chairman and group finance director.

light of the important roles of Ken Berry and Martin Bandier in the group's businesses, they [the board] have unanimously concluded that the appointment of an executive chairman who brings complementary skills and experience would provide the most effec-

Apart from knowing EMI, the UB chief executive had operated in "highly competitive consumer-orientated businesses throughout his career". Before joining United Bisquits in 1980 Mr Nicoli began his marketing career with Rowntree Mackintosh. In recent years he has had a tough time at UB trying to compete with strong rivals such as Pepsico's Walkers Crisps brands and pressure

UB revealed four days ahead of schedule that its 1998 pre-tax profits edged up as the City expected from £106.2 million to £110.1 million before exceptional items linked to acquisitions. Along with millennium expenses, these are expected to cost £30 million.

Thorn from EMI in 1996.



ing the black stuff. The brewery, based in Nepal, has started producing the famous

The company said: "In the Guinness has found its way into the Himalayas with the announcement that the Mount Everest Brewery has begun brew-

tive structure for EMI."

By Paul Armstrong THE London Stock Exchange has asked the Government for tax breaks on the cost of raisproposal to make public listings more attractive to smaller companies. The request, which is under-

stood to be a key part of the Ex-change's pre-Budget submission, is in response to growing fears about the flight of investment capital away from the

small company sector. The Ex-change believes tax relief on the costs of flotation would reduce a major deterrent to joining its ranks.

it wants the breaks made available to companies with market capitalisations of up to £250 million, although this figure is not firm. However, it has stopped short of asking that similar relief apply to the cost of fund-raisings by companies

already listed.

This is thought to be signifi-cantly higher for many smaller companies, which raise smaller amounts and can do less of the work in-house than

lic relations fees, are estimated

per cent of the money raised in

stout just in time for St Patrick's Day on

March 17. Nepal is the 50th country in

which Guinness is brewed. The deal be-

tween Guinness and the Mount Everest

Brewery will see the Nepalese company

Plea for tax breaks on floats

their larger counterparts. The Government is understood to have given Stock Ex-

change officials no indication of

whether the proposal would be adopted in this week's Budget. Costs, such as underwriting, accounting, legal and pub-More than 60 per cent of to consume an average of 10 UK companies have a market capitalisation of less than £100

the capital city, Kathmandu. The beer will

also be transported by yak to the world's

highest inns, the "Tea Houses" serving

The collective size of the sector is also highlighted by the FTSE All-Small index, which accounts for 78 per cent of companies listed on the main mar-

But these statistics are doing nothing to help the sector's

## **BMW** Rover pledge expected

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL

BMW is this week expected to commit itself to building a new small-to-medium size Rover car. But the German car company is not likely to follow pledge on the future of Longbridge, Rover's Birmingham plant, despite applying to the

Government for aid last week. It is thought that the future

of Longbridge will be sealed-next week at BMW's next su-pervisory board meeting. BMW's belated application for about £200 million of state aid has raised hopes that the company is serious about maintaining Longbridge. Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has made it clear that the Government is willing to give financial help to secure the survival of Longbridge - upon which 50,000 jobs in the West Midlands are dependent.

Launch aid for new manufacturing projects are gauged on development and the cash input from the company. BMW is thought to have held extensive talks with Department of Trade and Industry officials so that its application did not fail or was forced to be modified substantially. Its bid is now

Although the application is a positive move for Longbridge, it does not mean the plant will survive in its present form or that the new model will be built there. BMW will unveil its plans for the new model at the Geneva Motor Show this week.

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## WTO to hear banana protest

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE WORLD Trade Organisation will meet in an emergency session today as Europe presses for condemnation of the United States over its ba-

nana row sanctions. The meeting follows a series of top-level exchanges between Britain and the US, including meeting between Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Madeleine Albright, his US opposite number, and a tel-ephone call between Tony Blair and Bill Clinton.

Britain is furious about the sanctions against some European Union goods because of the effect on the cashmere in-

All 134 members of the WTO will be present in Geneva today for the summit, Southgate: £800,000 payoff | which was called by the EU.

Although the organisation cannot instruct the US to end the sanctions, Europe hopes that its condemnation will force a climbdown\_

The US is aggrieved that Eu-rope favours Caribbean ba-nanas over Latin American ones distributed by American companies.

Yesterday Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, became the latest Cabinet minister to attack the US's action. She told the BBC's On the Record programme that the US should abide by WTO rules.

Today Brian Wilson, the Trade Minister, will visit Scottish cashmere manufacturers and union representatives. About 2,500 jobs are at risk because of the sanctions.

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## Formula One Eurobond investors await green light

By JASON NISSE

AS THE Formula One season got under way in Melbourne yesterday, the \$2 billion (£1.24 billion) Eurobond being issued by Bernie Ecclestone's Formula One administration appears still to be stalled on

the starting grid.
The launch of the bond was first announced in late September and a prospectus was sent to more than 150 prospective investors in early November. The issue of the bond followed an unsuccessful attempt to float Formula One.

There was a presentation by Mr Ecclestone and his investment bankers. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, a few days later. A few days after that, Warburg Dillon Read and Merrill Lynch, two of the leading brokers of Eurobond. announced that they had declined invitations to join the syndicate to market the bond. Then came a rumour that

the size had been reduced to about \$1.2 billion and that Westl.B, the German bank. was leading a small group of investors who would buy the bond in its entirety. All Morgan Stanley would say was that it was continuing to mar-ket the bond. No deal with WestLB has materialised.

After a couple more months of no news and little apparent activity on the marketing of the bond. Morgan Stanley

said this weekend that it was still continuing to market the bond to potential investors. Many of these potential in-

vestors expressed anxiety that most of the money being raised was going to a trust for the benefit of Mr Ecclestone's wifeand children, about the interest rate offered on the bond and the security of the income streams securing the issue. Karel van Miert, the Europe-

an Competition Commissioner. is investigating Formula One's television contracts. Mr Ecclestone and Max Mosley, who runs the sport's administrative body, the FIA, claim the contracts are watertight, but ey until after the investigation.

